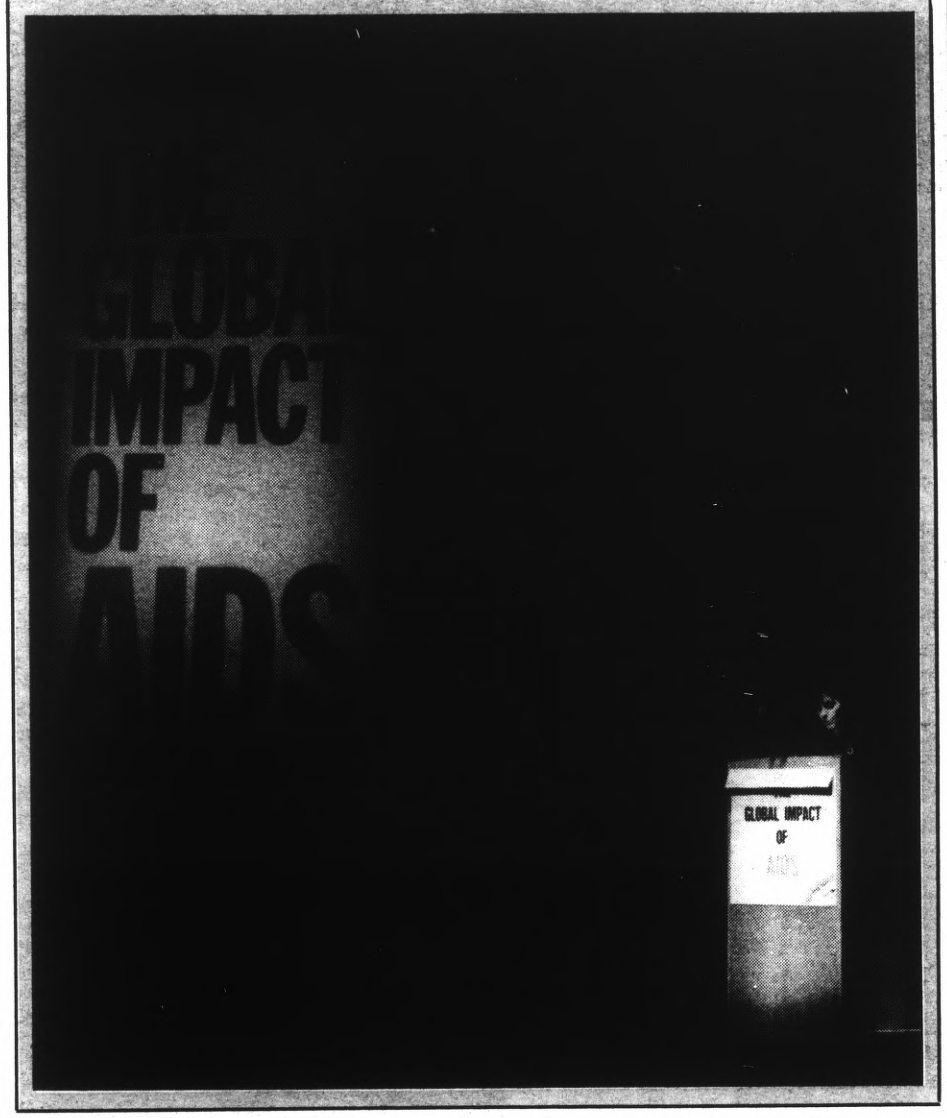
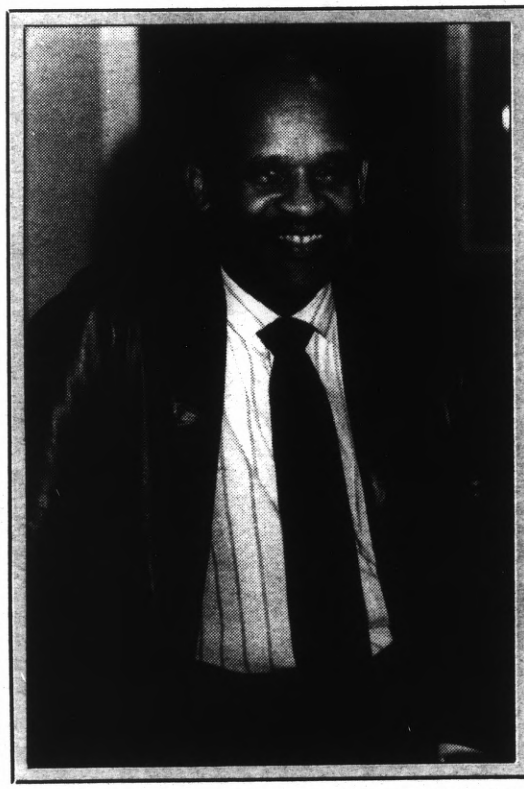
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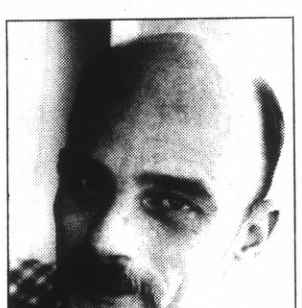
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Why is John Burton So Special Anyway?



"John Burton stands accused of being partial to special interests. And if women, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Lesbians, and Gays — eveyone who has faced a struggle — are special interests, then perhaps John *is* guilty of that charge. But let me just say that I might not be where I am today were it not for John Burton's special interest in promoting the rights of all Americans."

—Barbara Boxer
U.S. House of Representatives



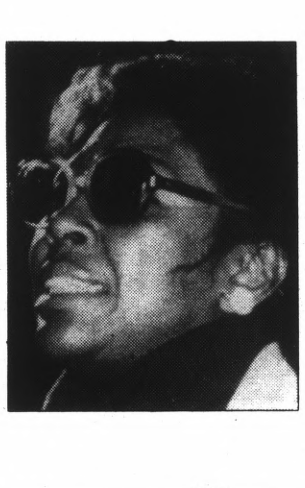
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—Rick Pacurar
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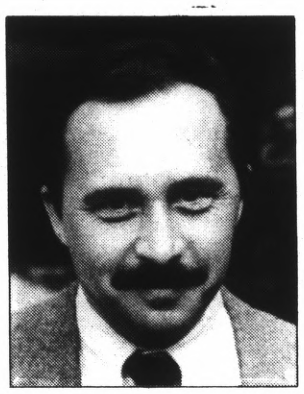
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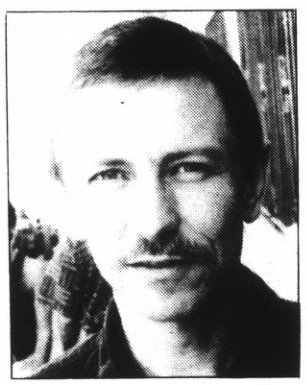
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—Catherine Dodd, R.N.
Sect'y, Demo. County Central Comm. and former Co-Chair of AIDS/ARC Comm. of the Golden Gate Nurses Assoc.



"I have worked on AIDS public policy at the local, state and federal level for over five years. We now have 142 AIDS bills pending in Sacramento alone. John Burton has the political skills and experience to fight the many battles ahead."

—Dr. Steve Morin
President, Calif. Psychological Assoc.



"As a person with AIDS, I trust John Burton's years of legislative experience and ability to bring more state funding to San Francisco to fight AIDS."

—Larry Francis



"People issues are the kind of issues that you know I care about. And I know from my many years of working with John Burton that he cares deeply about them too. John has been able to organize people to support ideas long before they became part of the popular rhetoric. And most importantly, he knows how to succeed in turning these ideas into action."

—Nancy Walker
President, S.F. Board of Supervisors

"It's great to fight for people... and win."
—John Burton

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LETTERS

Respecting Women's Autonomy

I thoroughly enjoyed your interview with Alix Dobkin in the March edition of *Coming Up!*Her music played a major role in my coming-out process almost fourteen years ago and has been a source of lesbian validation and inspiration for me ever since.

And no, not all non-lesbians are threatened by her or her politics. Last summer, I did a daring thing. I gave a talk on compulsory heterosexuality and lesbian existence (based on Adrienne Rich's essay and my own research) to a predominantly straight-identified mixed audience of socialists. And I began by playing Alix Dobkin's "Boy-Girl Rap" which does not mince words about the heterosexual and male bias of our culture. I also spoke about the importance of lesbian culture as a culture of resistance against sexist and homophobic oppression and as the cultural arm of the feminist movement. *And I was very well received.* No one called me or Alix Dobkin a "manhater."

It should be unnecessary to state that Alix Dobkin's support of women-only space and her prioritizing of lesbians and women in her own life and in her music are hardly "extreme" positions or symptoms of "manhating." Much of her views are simply the ABCs of feminism — positions I held even before I identified as a lesbian. At college, I fought for the right of women to meet separately to discuss and organize around our oppression, to hold conferences at which men were excluded and to hold rallies where only women spoke. Again and again we had to explain (to both men and women) that this was not anti-men but pro-women, that because we were feminists, because we opposed and spoke openly about the condescension, discrimination and violence of men against women, because we chose to meet together *as women*, did not mean we were "manhaters." Rather, we understood that it was *men* who had been taught to hate women.

And I found then as I do now that those men who were most supportive of women's liberation were the ones who respected the existence of an autonomous women's movement, respected the existence of an autonomous women's culture, and respected our right to be together outside of men's presence. Those men most supportive of women's liberation were also least threatened by women who choose to live our lives independent of intimate relationships with men, who prioritize the company of other women. Those men who insisted on inclusion, who called us "manhaters" because we identified as lesbians or because we were militant in our feminism, were the *enemies* of feminism.

It is amazing to me that the epithet "manhater" is still being used by both men and women, often people who should know better, to attack and discredit lesbians like Alix — women who are 100 per cent committed to women on every level, who openly celebrate lesbian love, and who advocate an autonomous women's movement and culture. It is about time that this homophobic, misogynist epithet be removed from the vocabulary of all progressive, thinking people.

It is sad indeed that there are women who are so full of fear and self-hate, and that there are men who are so blinded by their own sexism that they are unable to recognize and appreciate the women-loving, life-affirming, *revolutionary* music of Alix Dobkin.

Ann E. Menasche
San Francisco

To Spring Mobilization: Demand AIDS Funding

We call on your progressive readers to contact the co-ordinating committee of the April 30 Mobilization for Peace, Jobs, and Justice. It is time for a fifth major demand to be added: "Fund a Cure for AIDS — National Health Care Now!"

We congratulate the coaltion in highlighting the need for a crash program to find an AIDS cure in its various brochures. However, as progressives we cannot ignore the stark fact that 50,000 people will die in 1991 unless something is done quickly. The Bay Area will account for a large percentage of the fatalities of Reagan-Bush indifference/calculated murder. How can a major progressive demonstration in San Francisco not have "Cure AIDS" as a major demand?

We urge everyone to march on April 30, but make your views known: Call 626-8053 or write The Mobilization, 255 Ninth St, SF 94103. We may be too late for 1988, but the progressive mobilization of 1989 must address AIDS as a major issue because it already is!

John Iversen, New Light Sr. Ctr.
Maudelle Shirek, Berkeley City Council
John Belskus, ARCAIDS Vigil
Mike Berkowitz, Local 21, Past Stonewall Gay Demo. Mobilization Treas.

Federal Government Response To Discrimination Based on AIDS/ARC

This letter is in response to the article regarding the excellent achievements of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission ("Human Rights Commission Annual Report Offers Hope for People with AIDS and ARC," *Coming Up!*, March 1988). Unfortunately there is a serious error that must be corrected regarding the federal government's enforcement of civil rights of persons with AIDS. It is simply not true to say that there are "two (count 'em, two)" investigators who cover the west coast states, Hawaii and the far Pacific territories. In my office alone, we have 18 staff investigators who may be assigned a complaint filed by a person with AIDS/ARC who believes they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination. We also have six supervisory staff who are involved in active casework and outreach efforts. We cover the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Trust Territories.

Additionally, we in the San Francisco Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, were the first of the ten regional offices to establish an AIDS Outreach Unit. Our AIDS Coordinator, and others in the unit, have been involved in speeches, workshops, consultations and technical assistance to the federal community, private industry and very importantly to the health care and social service agencies and facilities of the region.

I am very proud of our outreach efforts, including the development and distribution of the AIDS Factsheet describing the complaint process for persons with AIDS/ARC. It is available in Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog, as well as English. We have distributed over ten thousand Factsheets all over the region and it has been used as a model by the other nine regional Office for Civil Rights AIDS coordinators.

There is an abundance of misinformation on AIDS. Please help us to correct the inaccurate picture in your otherwise fine article. Please let your readers know that the Office for Civil Rights has been receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination filed by persons with AIDS/ARC and we are achieving resolutions.

Sincerely,
Virginia P. Apodaca, Regional Manager
Office for Civil Rights, Region IX
Department of Health and Human Services
San Francisco

What Next From Gay Repubs?

RE: Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights' (CRIR) endorsement of Vaughn Walker's nomination to the Northern District of the U.S. District Court by Senator Wilson. What next? An endorsement of Pat Robertson for President?!

Derrick Tynan-Connolly
San Francisco

Considering Parenting: A personal Decision

As part of an assignment for a "Lesbians Considering Parenting" group offered by the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, I read the entire sequence of letters and articles in *Coming Up!*concerning closed adoption and anonymous donor insemination. Although I felt *Coming Up!* could have presented the issues in a more professional way, the information in the letters and articles aided me in my decision concerning my own process of becoming a mother.

As a Lesbian considering parenting and donor insemination, I am in a position to decide how I will involve a sperm donor. I am afraid of subjecting myself and my child to potential legal custody battles with a donor or the family of a donor. I fear losing control over how my child is raise. I want to ensure that my partner and I are able to decide who is involved in raising our child within the ethical and nurturing environment we design. I am only concerned with the rights of the specific sperm-donor I choose and am aware that each year many men choose freely to donate sperm with the reality of never knowing the child it produces.

After nuch thought, I have decided I would like to know the identity of the donor of the see for my child and I will proceed so that my child may have the coice of knowing as well. I have outlined the two possibilities I consider to be the best for me and my child. The first is to be in contact with the Gay donor-father to the extent that my child and I always know how to reach him. If I inseminate sperm from a man with whom I am not friends, I will stipulate that we will keep each other abreast of any plans to relocate. I may also negotiate that this will be the only way I wish to include him in my life and the life of my child, unless my child wishes to discuss other options. My second option is to have a gay-male friend donate sperm and discuss with him the amount of involvement he will have in my child's life. For now I see both options as equal possibilities. I feel that there are pros and cons to each optiona dn much discussion will be required of either choice. Since I feel a need to protect myself and my child from the legal and often unethical threats of the heterosexual community, a Gay sperm-donor is one more step in that direction, hence the stipulation that the donor is gay, regardless of his involvement in my life or the life of my child. In either case, I plan to complete legal forms with the donor, intricately outlining the donor's rights, my rights as the parent, and the rights of my partner and co-mother of my child. I feel this is a very personal decision for me and for each Lesbian in a similar situation. I do not think it should become an issue for which our community dictates the "right" or "wrong" method.

Based on the struggles and joyus my continuing exploration of parenting have brought to me, I support the courage of all gay male and lesbian parents, and those who are considering parenting as I am, regardless of their decisions about closed or open adoption/insemination. I hope to hear more personal stories about other gay men and lesbians choosing parenthood.

In Unity,
Hillary
San Mateo

NAMBLA Protests Sensationalized Coverage

An Open Letter to the San Francisco Chronicle:

Your article claiming that a man sentenced to prison for having had sex with boys may have also given them AIDS (March 7) could prove more harmful to young people than the sex you vilify at such length.

First, you incorrectly link James White, whom you accuse of recklessly spreading AIDS, with the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), offering no proof beyond the McCarthyesque allegations of police. White has never been a member of NAMBLA, nor has NAMBLA published anything written by him as you also allege. But even if he were, NAMBLA is no more responsible for an individual's conduct than are the Boy Scouts or the Roman Catholic Church, both of which have had numerous leaders accused of violating age-of-consent laws.

Second, NAMBLA is not a "Pedophile network" as you claim, but is instead a law-abiding civil rights/educational group that has been holding open public meetings for years in cities across the U.S.

Third, far from promoting abuse, as you assert, we are against abuse of any kind. WE oppose unwanted sex, corporal punishment, and forced military service, among other insult to young people's rights.

Fourth, as for desiring abolition of age-of-

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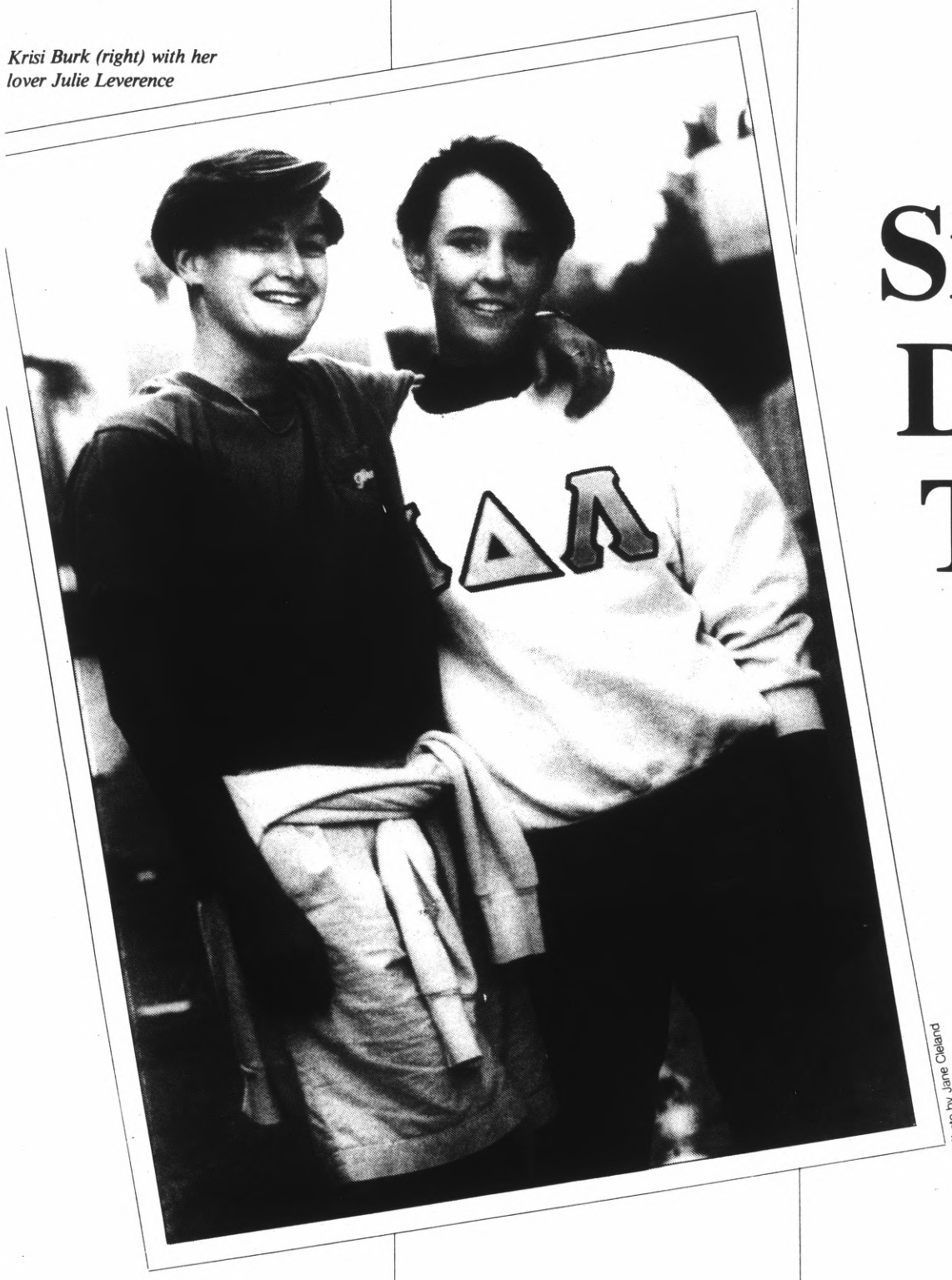
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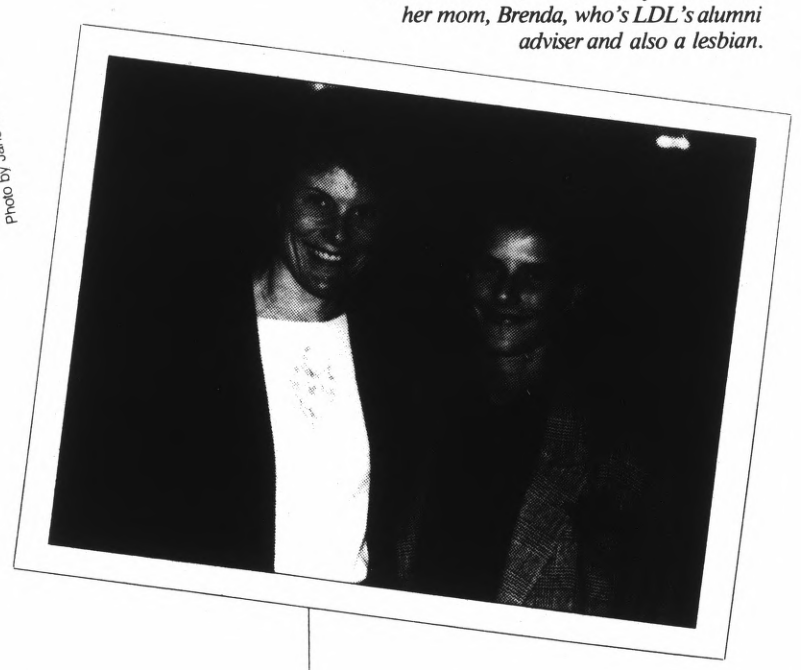


Krisi Burk (right) with her lover Julie Leverence

Photo by Jane Cleland

Sisters are Doing it for Themselves

BY HILDIE KRAUS



Lauren Susman, Vice-Prez of LDL, with her mom, Brenda, who's LDL's alumni adviser and also a lesbian.

The scene: A lesbian herstory class, sometime in the 22nd century. The teacher, hoping to jolt her students out of their afternoon torpor, asks if anyone knows how the first sorority founded by lesbians got started.

"Lambda Delta Lambda," muses Shulamith, doodling a labyris on her palm. "Yeah, my grandmother was in that, but I have no idea about its origins...."

It began as kind of a running joke. A group of women at the University of California at Los Angeles (whom friends half-humorously described as the sorority-type dykes on campus) would sit around and talk about how lucky they felt to have a tight circle of support. They were juniors and seniors, and it had taken a long time to find each other. Perhaps there were other lesbians at the huge campus in Westwood (student population 22,000) who were not so fortunate. "Hey, let's start a sorority!" Unfortunately, none of the ribaldry that surely accompanied the suggestion has been recorded. The idea moved from bullshit session fancy to reality this February, when nine lesbians at UCLA founded Lambda Delta Lambda.

But wait a minute — didn't those organizations dry up and blow away with the winds of change in the '60s? Fraternities and sororities shrank in the '60s and '70s, but they have come surging back with a vengeance, along with other features of the '50s like black loafers, student conservatism, and a Howdy Doody president. According to a recent article in *Time* magazine, sororities have added 131 new chapters nationwide in the last three years. Fraternity membership has almost doubled since 1980. The Greeks have tried to shuck or at least clean up some of their more loathsome traditions, like hazing and alcohol orgies.

Nonetheless, considering the reputation of frats and sors as bastions of exclusivity, guardians of the status quo and major preserves of the hets, why would lesbians want to become part of this system? That was the question burning on my lips as photographer Jane Cleland and I strode onto the UCLA campus to meet Krisi Burk, co-social/philanthropic chair of Lambda Delta Lambda (LDL). She was waiting for us by the massive bronze bear that is frozen in mid-step snarling at the Student Union. An articulate and thoughtful political science major, she served as spokesperson for the group, occasionally breaking off to mutter threats of mayhem on another LDL member who was supposed to join us for the interview. "Julie, I'm gonna kill you..." People in shorts strolled the sun-dappled walks as birds gossiped in the palm trees.

I asked if there wasn't already a gay and lesbian group on campus. Burk responded as if she had heard the question before.

"Yeah, the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA), but it's a very loose network. It's a special-interest group officially, so they don't do, well, they do some social stuff, but they don't do philanthropy off-campus... people come and go, you can just show up, there's no set membership, you don't know who's in it. It's also been dominated largely by men... if you go to a gay dance of 100 people, 80 percent will be men, 20 percent women."

Does that reflect the campus-wide percentage? "I think the women are out there; they've just been hiding. That's been the issue year after year: where are they all? I know some are athletes, and they're really afraid because of NCAA standards, being out, going to things on campus... a lot of people have issues with [our] using the term 'sorority.' If anything, we really hope that people think about the begin-





Above: Lauren and Allison, and left: Allison, Krisi and Debi

ning of the Greek system. It started out with women who couldn't meet together anywhere else and it was like a secret society. Then it expanded and became part of the establishment. But that doesn't make sorority a bad word."

Burk and her eight cohorts (Alison Adler, Lauren Susman, Debbi Knight, Canon Price, Marci Kaye, Robin Davis, Josee Larochelle and Julie Leverence) felt that being a sorority would afford the group visibility and offer isolated students the chance to meet others and find a niche. They also had other aims in mind, like letting some fresh air into the once-again powerful Greek system.

"We thought we could change a little piece of that, open a door for people who have been excluded on the basis of sexual preference, race, money, looks, 90 million things. We saw it as a unique opportunity."

While this latest addition to Greek sisterhood has naturally been tagged the "lesbian sorority," it more properly should be called a sorority formed by lesbians. LDL is not permitted to discriminate on the grounds of sexual preference, nor do its members wish to follow that tradition. One big difference between it and other sors is that anyone who goes through rush week and being a pledge [see sidebar], who believes in the goals of LDL and is committed to it, will be accepted.

"A lot of our straight women friends think there's a need for an alternative [to the present sororities]. You'd be amazed at the people who feel excluded, maybe not by the Greek system everywhere, but the one here. It can be very intimidating. UCLA is supposed to be so big and scary, and [the Greek system] is supposed to provide you with your little safe network of friends, and it [doesn't]. It may after two years. Can you imagine coming in as a freshman? You feel you don't look right, you see pictures of girls who mostly fit, you know, blonde, blue-eyed, rich, how much does your dad make, what kind of car do you drive, what [frat] house does your boyfriend belong to? What if you don't have a boyfriend?"

In some respects, LDL resembles the other sixteen sororities on campus. It is not a collective; officers were elected, like president, pledge educator, scholarship chairperson. According to Alison Adler, LDL president, this was mainly to aid efficiency. The nine members (each is an officer) have equal input.

LDL will also have all that good stuff that marks secret societies: a special handshake, door knock (for meetings will you have to say "Martina sent me"?), some songs maybe, colors, a pin. Rituals go along with certain sorority activities like inducting pledges into the fold, and the Lambda Delts welcome suggestions. Women's spirituality could be incorporated into rituals, instead of the usual God bit, and some gay history might be required learning for the pledges. After all, they are setting up traditions from scratch, whereas the other sors have been doing this for years. Women who belong to sororities already will serve as consultants; one is a witch. They are not allowed to share the specific mysteries of their sisterhood, but can suggest models.

After snorting slightly, I ask Krisi Burk if they have to have rituals.

"The whole purpose is to bind the group," she replied. "That's the difference between us and GALA, or us and any other organization on campus. That's why we're more aligned with sororities, because in GALA you share nothing besides the fact that you identify yourself as gay or lesbian. If you're a member of LDL, you don't even have to do that."

One of the more praiseworthy features of Greek letter societies has been a commitment to philanthropy. The LDL constitution requires a certain number of hours each week of community service. Each house has a specific charity or organization to which it donates time and money. A possible candidate for LDL is the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center in West Hollywood.

The response on campus to this modern addition to Greek sisterhood has been mixed [see sidebar]. Burk praises the UCLA administration for its support and says that out of 30-50 letters and calls LDL has received, only two have been negative. After one member said in an article that she hesitated about giving her name because her father might be uptight about such publicity, an anonymous helper clipped out the article and sent it to her father with this note: "Dear Mr. Larochelle: We're not sure if you've seen this yet, but we think you have a right to. Signed, UCLA Students Against Sodomy." A picture of LDL that appeared in the Los Angeles Times was mailed to the women, with the caption changed to read "Lambda Bulldyke Lambda, officially going down at UCLA." Among the positive messages have been fan letters, and an offer to one member of a free plane ticket to Maryland if she ever wanted to visit....

LDL parents' reactions have ranged from "It's a good thing, but don't go overboard" to "Don't have your name published" to cutting one daughter's allowance by 2/3. Some have been more supportive. Alison Adler's father attended an LDL reception, and Lauren Susman's mother is the alumnae advisor (Ms. Susman Sr. is a lesbian and went to UCLA).

Westwood is cheek-by-jowl with West Hollywood, an area with a big gay presence, and LDL has met with women from the community who want to help them organize. A lawyer is donating her time, one person mentioned helping the sorority buy a house (she would like to be the housemother), and the students are getting assistance with fundraising. The founding mothers of Lambda Delta Lambda also recently attended a banquet given by Southern California Women for Understanding (a discreetly lesbian organization; like Bay Area Career Women, the "L" word does not appear in the name). Hundreds of women were present. Says Burk, "It was a lesbian rights award dinner, and they gave the award

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A Quick & Easy Guide to Sorority Life & Lingo

Active (noun): Full fledged member of sorority. Example: "Is that cute woman over there an active?" "I'll say."
Foofy (adj.): Insincere, dizzy, spacy.
Rush (verb): To recruit prospects for a sorority, or to go out for one.
Pledge (noun): A prospective member of a sorority, who has attended Rush Week (see below), and has been invited to join the house. Example: "All right, all you pledges have to cut the grass in the quad with nail clippers tonight."
Pledge (verb): To commit oneself to a sorority after Rush Week. Example: "I'm pledging Delta Gamma, Tara, which house are you pledging?" "Lambda Delta Lambda." "....oh. Gotta run, see you later."
Pledge educator/trainer: Active who is in charge of teaching pledges during their probation period about the history of the sorority, its rituals and by-laws. For most sororities this probation period is a school quarter, but it will last only 5 weeks for LDL.
Rush Week: Usually held just before school starts in the fall, this is when sororities and interested students check each other out. For those of you who were not sweethearts of Sigma Nu, let's walk through what LDL is planning for their maiden Rush Week.

Fliers and ads in campus papers will announce the event, which starts April 4. Sorry, only UCLA students are eligible. Because LDL does not have a house, they will use a rec room on campus, with swimming pool and BBQ nearby. Monday and Tuesday night, interested women come and hang out. They mingle with members and learn about LDL. The second night, traditionally, there is a... theme. For example, one of the other sors, Kappa Kappa Gamma, does a 50's theme called KK Grease. (Is that anything like KY Jelly, I wonder?)

The third night of Rush Week, LDL plans an outing to Gay Skate Night at a roller rink in the San Fernando Valley. Evidently this is a weekly happening. This is an "invite-back" event in the established sors; weeding out has been going on, and only those deemed desirable for membership are asked to return. As I mentioned, LDL will invite anyone who came to the first two nights, and seems genuinely committed to its goals.

Thursday everyone takes a break, as actives discuss the potentials (ahem), and Friday night LDL will reserve a banquet room at a local restaurant. Saturday is the final day of this rather social week. A fiesta is tentatively set at the alumnae advisor's house (pool and BBQ again, these SoCal women...) and this is when prospects become pledges (sigh), receive a pin, and go through a ritual welcoming them to the sisterhood. Which LDL has not made up yet. No, they will not have to swim ten laps naked in the pool.

Inspiration Week: This used to be called Hell Week, until the Greek letter societies started cleaning up their acts. It takes place after the pledge or probation period, and entails a week of activities designed to initiate the pledges into full membership. Things have been pretty easy for the pledges, they have attended classes and been social with actives, and now they will be meshed into the full glory and privilege of belonging.

Anyway, Inspo' Week (as it is abbreviated) at LDL will feature one day when the pledges have to plan a community service project, one when they have to wait on their big sisters (see below), a surprise outing perhaps, and a slumber party, with all the actives and pledges staying over at someone's house. Inspo Week for LDL may fall near the date of the gay and lesbian march on Sacramento, so they would take a road trip. There, that wasn't so bad, was it?

Deactivate (verb): To leave a sorority.
Big sister: An active who is assigned to a pledge (or vice versa) to serve as liaison and support person.
Thrashed (adj.): Drunk, loaded, high. Example: "God, your little sister was really thrashed last night, huh?" "Yeah, she went on and on about Kristy McNichol for hours."
Pledge-active: A big dance held at the end of Inspiration Week, which is a date party. It celebrates the end of the whole process, and welcomes the new members as full-fledged sisters.

to Robin Tyler. Then they were acknowledging heroines who were there, like Ginny Foat. 'And we have some new heroines, will the women at table 55 please stand up?' We stood up, and we got the biggest round of applause. 20 or 25 women came up to us and gave us their cards. Besides the nine of us, it's great to feel like people think we're doing something valuable."

And how valuable do the other Greeks find the notion of a sorority started by queers? According to Burk, the president of the UCLA chapter of the National Panhellenic Council (an organization of sororities) supports LDL. "She said she realizes some people have reservations because they're afraid of change." Reservations is probably a mild word. Most people acknowledge the right of lesbians to form a sorority the same way they would reluctantly admit that toxic waste dumps have to go somewhere. Unfortunately, we were not able to interview members of established sororities for their perspectives.

It is instructive to note the publicity generated by Lambda Delta Lambda. What's the last news story about lesbians that attracted such mainstream attention? Probably the publication of *Breaking Silence*, a book about lesbian nuns. We are largely an invisible community on television news, and in national magazines and daily papers. A lesbian sorority and gay nuns are covered as titillating oddities, but we get little consistent reporting on the contributions gay women have made to AIDS work, the changing face of the family, politics, music, etc. And how come a lesbian sorority makes it into the hallowed pages of *Time* and *Newsweek*, while 500,000 people marching on Washington go unreported?

The hoopla escalated rapidly. In early February a small squib appeared in *10%*, the UCLA gay paper. Then *The Daily Bruin*, the university's general student rag, published an interview with some LDL members. A follow-up article in *The Bruin* detailed response to the new sorority. A reporter at the UCLA paper knew someone at the *Los Angeles Times,* and on February 25th, the *Times* printed a piece. From then on, it was circus time, get your snow-cones and peanuts. Local and national television crews flocked to the campus like pigeons after breadcrumbs. Krisi Burk got a call from the Associated Press, and then heard that the Cable News Network awaited her arrival on campus. Channel 2 (a Los Angeles station) showed up at her place of work before she did.

Only two other LDL sisters felt comfortable at that point with such exposure — they handled the CNN crew and then had to leave for Hawaii. Krisi Burk ended up giving a news conference. She says the other members of LDL stood behind the cameras and cheered her on. The same week, Saturday Night Live flashed a group picture — "This week an unprecedented action: UCLA recognized the first sorority formed by lesbians. To celebrate, the nine founding members held a panty raid on their own house." Burk laughs, but says the spot , drew a divided response. The newsmagazine "West 57th Street" is putting together a report (they plan to film one day of rush week), and the phenomenon even made "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, for Goddess' sake. LDL turned down Geraldo Rivera's request for exploit — , excuse me, for an interview. There's nothing like coming out nationally. Grandmothers of group members must have had seizures across the country.

Well, there you have it, herstory in the making, and we are present — what's that? You say there's one little point that hasn't been addressed? Ah yes, S__X. This is the second question that occurs to people after they ask why a sorority? In a sorority formed by lesbians, won't things get, um, sticky if sisters get involved with each other? Naturally the women of Lambda Delta Lambda have gotten flak from frat brothers and sor sisters.

"They (other Greeks) rag on us, 'Oh, you're going to have sex, blah blah blah, we don't see how sex can be part of a fraternity or sorority, who are you going to do exchanges with?' I say, 'Well, (you) go out and be social, meet a guy, go home (with him), and grovel.' I mean, don't tell me that we're more sexual than they are. If anything it's forcing them to recognize it's a heterosexual system. If you're a gay or lesbian member of a sor or frat, and most of them acknowledge they have them, what's (your) role in it?" Later we come back to the topic. A tinge of weariness creeps into Krisi Burk's voice.

"It comes from a stereotype of lesbians, that it's all bedroom (i.e., what defines a lesbian), because we've all been asked that question. If we get a house, we'll set some kind of policy. Our president and vice-president are girlfriends and have been for a year, so I can't imagine us saying they can't live together. . . it seems a little juvenile. If anything, we'll have discretion policies. No. . . whatever. . . in public areas; if you're in your room, that's your private domain. . . we all respect each other as people, as friends and lovers. When it begins to affect LDL, then it becomes a sorority thing and we will deal with it as such. Also at the end of our meetings we have a forum where no minutes are taken; if you have issues with anyone, we really get to it."

OK? Wish the women of Lambda Delta Lambda luck. What sounded at first like a rather frivolous collegiate enterprise has proven to be another small step in gay liberation. If it shakes up an established system from which we have been shut out, makes life a tad easier for lesbians and others on a conservative campus, and garners attention for our cause, I say Forward! We have nothing to lose but some lousy associations with the word sorority.

Fanmail, orders for sweatshirts, and suggestions for rituals should be addressed to: Krisi Burk, UCLA, Office of Fraternity & Sorority Relations, 405 Hillgard Avenue, 118 Men's Gym, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Hildie Kraus probes the mind of Steve Goon

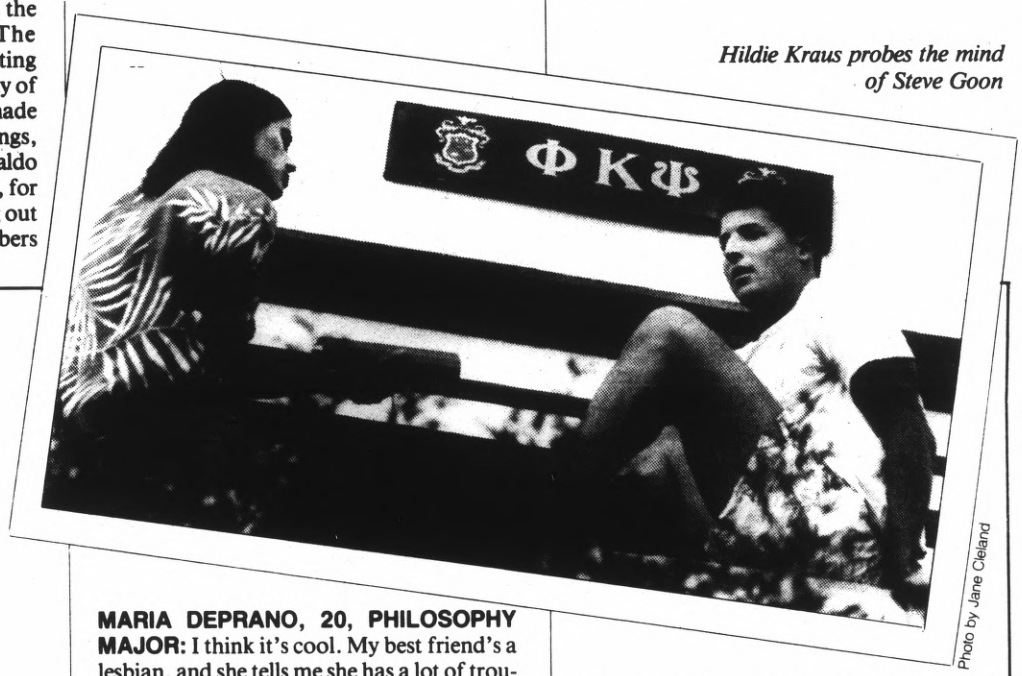


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QUESTION DYKE

Asked near the Student Union at UCLA in Westwood: What do you think of the newest sorority on campus, started by lesbians?

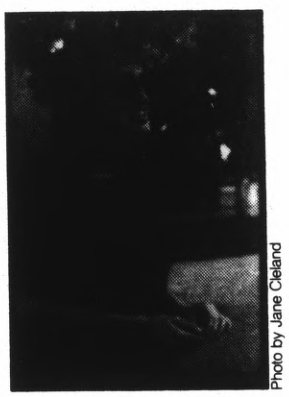
ED KRING, ECONOMICS MAJOR: I dunno, I think it takes a lot of guts for them to do that. Uh, I'm not homosexual myself, and I don't agree with the idea, but I don't put it down. I think it takes a big step for people to do stuff like that.


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MATT ROSSMEISSL: I "guess" it's all right. I'm not too much for it myself but I don't want to impose my values on other people so I guess it's OK.

DAN GARCIA, 19, POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR: I know some people have had some problems with it because there's a Christian fraternity and sorority that were disaffiliated because on of their goals was 'to promote a Christian lifestyle.' (But what are "your" views?) Kind of surprised. It's a bold move. They got a lot of media coverage. I saw it on Saturday Night Live.

IGNACIO BRAVO, SPAIN: I've actually only been here two quarters, and I saw a very small article about it. This is the first time I heard about sororiteis. A lesbian sorority here at UCLA... it sounds really weird to me. Really weird. I think it's nice for them, they can get together, talk and make parties and meet other girls... and guys.


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AMY TRIPODI, 20, COMMUNICATIONS: I think it's good. There's going to be a gay frat, I heard, but they're not really going to publicize it. I think they're courageous, because the whole Greek system is anti... a lot of people in it are close-minded. They (LDL) are going to have to be really strong to field all the reaction to it. Having a lesbian sorority is so revolutionary. I'm sure there's going to be trouble, like when they try to participate in the other Greek things.

MINERVA PADUA, 26, HISTORY MAJOR: Oh, I think they... what can I say? I guess anyone has the right to do whatever they want. I do agree with what they're doing, because I have a lot of friends who are lesbians. It's great! Anyone can have a sorority, why not gays or lesbians?


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MARIA DEPRANO, 20, PHILOSOPHY MAJOR: I think it's cool. My best friend's a lesbian, and she tells me she has a lot of trouble getting to know people, and I think (the sorority) is cool. I admire their guts. A lot of people are not supportive, and I admire their willingness to stand up for what they believe in.

HERMAN MCGOWAN, 21, EAST ASIAN STUDIES MAJOR: Really doesn't make a difference to me. I don't see why they shouldn't have a chapter. I'm totally neutral about homosexuality. There's negative reaction on campus to every little thing.


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On their way out of town, QuestionDyke and her intrepid photographer Jane Cleland passed by Fraternity Row, which happens to be located on Gayley Drive... beer cups littered the gutters, a Rebel flag hung in one window, and bare chested young men lolled on the porches of ramshackle houses. One Phi Kappa Psi graciously consented, well, all right, he just agreed to talk to us.

QD: What do you think of the newest sorority, founded by lesbians?

PKP: People want to do what they want to do. I respect their right to that. It's not what I would do, but they have a right.

QD: But you are a member of a fraternity, aren't you.

PKP: Well, I joined something that's an organization along those lines, but that doesn't necessarily mean the fraternity I joined was built on the same principles as the sorority they joined.

QD: How do you mean that?

PKP: I'm not totally familiar with their constitution, but I assume it's based on different principles than what I'm a part of. I'm not saying that's good or bad, they're just not principles I hold near to my heart.

QD: I think for one thing, they wanted to meet people, have a network. Doesn't that sound like the same things a fraternity does?

PKP: In some instances I suppose it would be. I support their right to have a sorority and mingle with people like themselves... it wouldn't be for me. If they want to do it they should be able to... I think there should be a place in the Greek system for everybody. Throughout history the Greeks have been tattooed as being elitist and I don't think that's true. Each house has something different to offer. The Greek system is changing, especially in the '80s, to appeal to the masses.

QD: Well, thank you. What's your name?

PKP: Steve Goon, G-O-O-N.

Crisis in Leadership: "Women in the World: How Do We Keep the Faith?"

BY RANDY TUROFF

These are troubled and uncertain times — for the planet, for the species, for the body politic, and for the women's movement. Three prominent speakers addressed the topic, "Women in the World: How Do We Keep the Faith?" at a fundraising event last month for the Ms. Foundation for Women, here in San Francisco. The speakers were Gloria Steinem (former editor of Ms. Magazine, a founder of the Ms. Foundation, writer, organizer, etc.), Jean Shinoda Bolen (psychiatrist, lecturer, author of *The Goddesses in Everywoman* and a Foundation board member) and Vivienne Verdon-Roe (filmmaker and anti-nuclear activist).

Each lecture was thought-provoking and as stylistically different as were the speakers. The golden thread of thought and feeling which held the three together was the notion of the new feminism as a psycho-spiritual quest for non-patriarchal truth. Activism was seen as the process of applying internally derived wisdom to outside circumstances. The focus on feminine "inner" experiences was the keynote of the conference. Steinem sees the reclamation and declaration of women's spirituality as the deepest blow to patriarchal domination. She believes that women's spirituality "is a requisite for action. It is not a refuge from action."

Bolen spoke at length about how the patriarchy has systematically denied us our history, how they've cut us off from our root heritage, our primary relationship to the feminine face of God, and all the Great Mothers of ancient wisdom. What we are left with now is the possibility of a personal gnostic experience, connecting us through revelation to the Goddesses within. What we have to offer each other as women are the interrelations of our personal stories, stories which come from our inner selves and serve as revelations for one another. Through our revelations "we remember what's been dis-membered" by thousands of years of patriarchal suppression.

Bolen told of many ways in which men have denied and denigrated what was sacred to the feminine. It is no coincidence that the 13 lunar months in a year, corresponding to the menstrual cycle, were replaced by a 12 month calendar; that the number 13 is considered to be accursedly unlucky. She stressed, that as women, we must re-member and honor our bodies and that we must re-member the child within each of us.

The idea of re-membering the child within was implemented by all three speakers. Verdon-Roe started her speech with a personal history of feelings of powerlessness and of the power-over conditions to which she was subjected in boarding school while growing up. These conditions she tied into patterns of patriarchy she sees in the world today, with government officials pretending to take care of us while they are practicing "policies of greed, politics protecting corporate interests." As an activist she gave an impassioned pep talk on how each of us can make a difference, how our own denied political fantasies can come true if we put our visions out there. What we need to do is just "go for it!"

Verdon-Roe's approach was that of the heroic femme, turning former victimization into understanding and inner strength: "It's okay to have a good time doing good work. We should not be ashamed of having and showing feelings. To be caring, to be righteously indignant, to be compassionate, to love, that's our strength and that's our salvation!" It seems to work for her. Her first solo film, *Women — For America, For the World*, won an Oscar, and it was financed mostly through home fundraising parties. The successful film later enabled her to get to speak to Gorbachev in Moscow about a nuclear freeze.

Steinem stressed the need for women to come together, not only to share stories but in the profound effort to afford each other the space, the strength and the protection for our imaginations to thrive. As she said, being out on the edge of history without real role models, all we have is our imaginations. Reality follows the imagination. Politics arise from visions.

As a foremother of the women's movement, one might wonder what Steinem is currently envisioning. She says she is currently focusing in on the root causes of violence, the every day machinations of the family, the social hothouse of institutionalized sex roles. The macrocosm of global politics reflects the microcosm of systematized social relationships. What she is working on is a primer (entitled "The Bedside Book of Self Esteem") on how to unlearn systems that cause low self esteem.

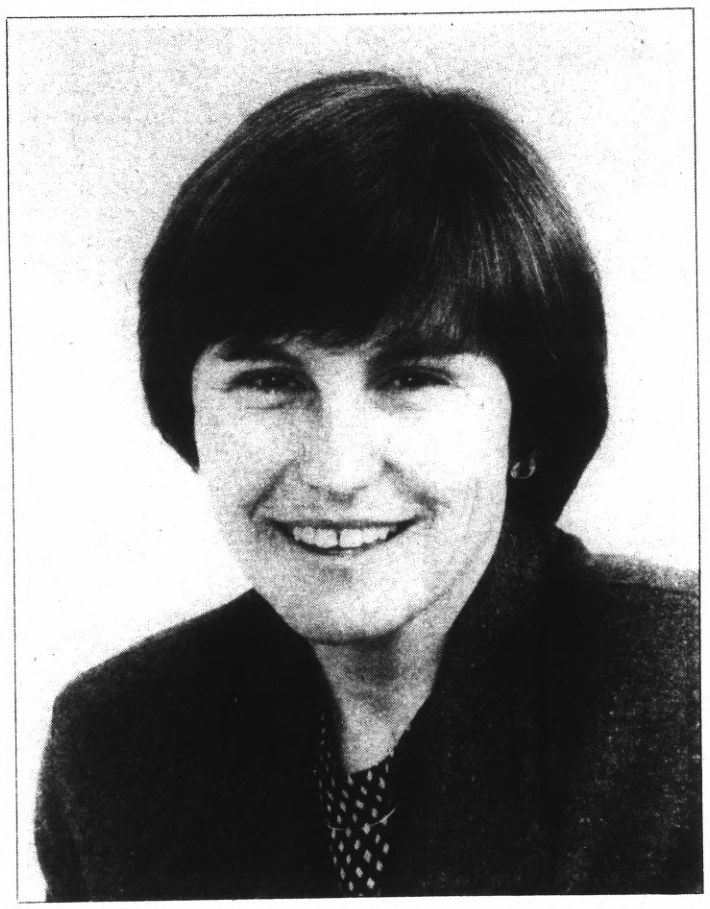
Not much of what Steinem said seemed particularly visionary to me. In fact, there was nothing terribly new which came up in the conference. Not that the talks weren't interesting; they were, especially Bolen's personal trip through the symbolic labyrinth of the subconscious. It's just that much of what was given as information or as methodology was a recapitulation of things we've been hearing for quite some time from both the women's spirituality movement and from our psychotherapists — which is not to denigrate the sources for discovering our truths. It's just that in terms of political action or radical reinterpretations of political history, nothing new was offered. I think it was significant, if not symbolic, that only passing mention was made of the powderkeg situation happening at that very moment in Honduras.

Perhaps the women's movement has, as Bolen suggested, hit its midlife crisis. As the leaders are turning more into themselves in a process of re-evaluation of life and ideals and possible goals for the future, the war rages outside. But what now? The leaders lack a unified vision of their ideals. It is of course true that all ideals are utterly hollow; they are as insubstantial as dreams. But dreams held in the imagination as goals are what combat inertia. The function of goals is perhaps less for substantiation than it is for movement towards those goals. The women's movement is in stasis.

Midlife crisis has traditionally been recognized as a time when people turn backwards, re-evaluating their lives and realizing how close or far from the ideals of youth they've come. This is where the movement sits now. To become viable once again, it's essential to come up with new goals for the future, so that the process of working towards ideals — movement — resumes.

Midlife is also seen as a time of breaking down the disillusionments which have arisen from the original illusion of considering ideals materialistically. Cynicism is a defensive reaction to idealism, when the elusive, spiritual nature of ideals has been misunderstood. Cyni-

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"The polls show that if the lesbian and gay community turns out to vote, Roberta Achtenberg will win on April 12."

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ACHTENBERG FOR ASSEMBLY

BY KIM CORSARO


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In April 12, the voters of the 16th Assembly District in San Francisco will go to the polls in a special election to select a representative to fill the seat left vacant by the election of Art Agnos as the Mayor of San Francisco.

The usual slew of candidates will appear on the ballot, representing the common range of alternative or minor parties — Peace and Freedom, Libertarian, Socialist, Republican (a very minor party in San Francisco). But everyone agrees this is a battle between two Democrats: the heir-apparent to the Assembly seat, political veteran John Burton, and an upstart lawyer who's emerged from the gay/lesbian community of San Francisco, Roberta Achtenberg.

Both candidates represent the liberal Democratic tradition of progressive San Franciscans. Both candidates would bring different skills and talents to the position of Assembly Representative. Either candidate serving in the Assembly would be a benefit to the gay/lesbian community.

But in this election, *Coming Up!* urges the gay and lesbian electorate to support Roberta Achtenberg. All other things being equal between Achtenberg and Burton — and both candidates have their strengths and drawbacks — it's important at this time that our community send a message to the political leadership of the state of California that we are a voting bloc to be reckoned with, and we will not sit quietly by while we're passed over for serious consideration for political office. A good showing at the polls on election day will directly demonstrate our strength as a voting bloc.

It's also important that the gay community develop lesbians as political leaders. This election will provide a crucial test to see if the gay male population will work and turn out for a lesbian candidate with the same energy devoted to male candidates in the past.

Prior to running for office, Achtenberg devoted the bulk of her energies to serving as directing attorney for the Lesbian Rights Project, a pioneering law firm that specializes in cases involving the civil rights of lesbians. LRP has developed a more public, activist role under Achtenberg's leadership, and has made particular progress in supporting the rights of lesbians and gay men in parenting and custody battles.

Achtenberg has fought many legal battles for lesbian/gay families. She successfully arranged a joint adoption by both partners of a lesbian couple, a major achievement in a homophobic system, and she also would back legislation which supports the right of adoptees to know their biological families. (In contradiction, however, she will not support the keeping of records on sperm donors, which would protect the rights of the offspring of donor insemination so they may at some point also know their full biological families.)

Achtenberg has also served as the Dean of New College School of Law. She graduated Phi Betta Kappa from UC Berkeley. She currently serves on the boards of the United Way of the Bay Area and the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation.

When Roberta emerged as a candidate in January, she was recognized as a bright, articulate spokesperson for our community; a talented individual who had everything to gain by running for office (name recognition, mailing lists, a base for future campaigns); and, at long last, a *lesbian* who could run as a consensus candidate who despite a lack of political experience was capable of doing the job. Non-gay Democratic Party regulars told *Coming Up!* that although they were supporting Burton and wanted him to win, they were impressed by Achtenberg and thought she had a substantial future in politics. Burton himself took Achtenberg's challenge very seriously.

But over the last few months, a major drawback has evolved to Achtenberg's candidacy: her campaign. Achtenberg's campaign has not managed to promote her best qualities in any way that has inspired the gay/lesbian community, much less the general electorate, to work intensely on her behalf, and her campaign has made some genuinely awful decisions along the way. She has not succeeded in distinguishing herself on the issues from Burton (there are definite differences; Burton deserves intense scrutiny for his lawyering/lobbying efforts on behalf of some developers and PGE). Nor has she succeeded in fostering the kind of grassroots support she needs in the gay/lesbian community to do well on April 12, nor cut into any of Burton's support in the non-gay population.

A number of factors have primarily fed into this. Tops would have to be Achtenberg's unknown, seemingly inexperienced campaign manager, Michael Fenenbock. By the end of February, Achtenberg had raised $79,341 (not much compared to Burton's couple hundred thousand, but quite impressive for a beginning campaigner). But rather than plowing that money back into a grassroots campaign operation, Achtenberg spent $44,492 — fully 56 percent of funds raised, which came almost entirely in small donations from the gay/lesbian community — on either Fenenbock or his business, F&A Media.

$39,450 of the $44,492 has gone directly to F&A Media for production of television commercials. There's a huge body of common political knowledge that says don't spend money on TV commercials in campaigns of this magnitude, particularly if you don't have a lot of money to begin with. Those commercials, which began airing the last week of March, feature an attack on the absenteeism of John Burton during his final years in the U.S. Congress.

It's no secret that Burton had a heavy chemical dependency — he was freebasing away $3,000 a day worth of cocaine on voter's time, and that's a major concern, to put it mildly. But Burton has acknowledged his addiction and been in recovery for some time now. When prodded, he maintains (and no one has proven otherwise) that he has been "clean and sober five years, one day at a time." That's no small achievement. Legitimate questions could be raised about Burton's ability to handle stress, but Achtenberg's attacks on Burton are not that straightforward and often come across as cheap shots.

But the major strategic blunder of Achtenberg's campaign has been her decision to devote a great deal of time and energy to blocking Burton endorsements by the Democratic Party Central Committee and the State Democratic Party that have virtually nothing to do with how voters make up their minds. Her cam-paign views these as major victories, really putting it to Burton & Company in the Democratic Party. They *were* impressive shows of the strength the gay/lesbian community has amassed in Democratic Party circles. But that's all, really. The time and energy put into blocking those endorsements could have been spent far better in the district, getting to know voters and putting out the message of the campaign. And it also leaves Achtenberg in a weakened position after the election, as she has deeply angered many of the non-gay Democratic Party regulars who would have been inclined to support her previously.

That's a lot of criticism for a candidate *Coming Up!* is endorsing. We do believe that Achtenberg is quite capable of being a good Assembly rep in Sacramento, and she would serve us well. She has the intelligence to learn quickly and the toughness to endure (and prevail) in a difficult job. She has not gotten the best advice on how to run her campaign, and her political inexperience and that of her staff shows.

And all of that simply demonstrates how much Achtenberg (and all new lesbian candidates, for that matter) needs the input and expertise of the more politically savvy and experienced among us to smooth the way for a sucessful entry into the electoral arena. And she needs to be open to that input.

Our community desperately needs competent, openly gay representatives at all levels of government. We also need to recognize that our power will not be derived as a lone group of (identifiably) white, middle class gays (primarily male), but that our real strength lies in developing our coalitions with all other progressive communities in San Francisco, where the minorities united become the majority.

One of the trends that's developed in gay politics over the last year has been to vilify the "Burton Machine." Like all machine politics it has its seamy side, but in fact it operates as an extremely broad-based, progressive coalition, and the Burtons go way, way back (to the '50s) in championing the causes of the gay/lesbian community.

For this campaign, when you walk into John Burton headquarters, one of the walls is covered with dozens of Polaroid snapshots. Above the snapshots someone has pasted up a banner that reads "The Machine." Those snapshots look like the Rainbow Coalition — people of every color, trade unionists, environmentalists, progressives of every variety, and even a few gay men and lesbians.

The gay community cannot be ignored: that's our message/Achtenberg's message in this campaign. But what does it say about us when other progressives stand together and we stand alone, apart from that coalition, when it appears to everyone else that the only thing we really care about is gay/lesbian rights?

This campaign has launched Achtenberg as a force to be reckoned with in San Francisco politics. We can strengthen that force by turning out en masse to vote for her on April 12. And as Roberta and other capable lesbian and gay political leaders ally themselves in coalition with the other minorities of this city, our community will move into positions of power that we have only imagined to date.

THE AIDS INDUSTRY VS. THE HEALING WORKERS

When are we here going to change our behavior and stop jetting around to very plush conferences? I'm very angry. I'm very scared. There was no space at the conference to talk about this. We can just try to talk about it around the corridors, around coffee. Are we suitable messengers, can we talk of this to others when we don't have the space at this conference to do it?"

—Delegate at the Global Impact of AIDS Conference London, March 10, 1988

BY TIM KINGSTON

Language is the way we comprehend and order our world. Language is how we express our thoughts, our dreams, our ideas. Language is how we express our prejudices and hatreds, and language was the key to understanding the "Global Impact of AIDS Conference" held in London March 8-10.

Many people use militaristic metaphors to describe the struggle to understand and "vanquish" AIDS and HIV infection. In those terms, the conference, sponsored by the World Health Organization and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, was a battlefield; the chosen weapons were words in all their shades and interpretations.

Jonathan Mann, the indefatigable president of the World Health Organization, called for an international human rights commission to deal with "the third epidemic of AIDS." The first phase of the global impact of AIDS is the epidemic of HIV infection, the second is the personal tragedies wrought by AIDS, the third is conceivably the most catastrophic for humanity: panic and discrimination.

It is doubtful whether he or the organizers of the event expected it to reflect the third epidemic so faithfully on a microscale.

The conference saw public health officials talk of "high risk groups," not high risk behaviors. They heard government health officers call prostitutes efficient vectors of transmission, while prostitutes noted "the scapegoating factor" and the responsibility of both sex workers and clients for their own health. The audience endured prison wardens opposing the distribution of needles in prisons because that would be "condoning illegal behavior," instead of simply trying to save lives.

For much of the conference, blank assertions of the World Health Organization variety were the rule at the podium. Not so on the floor, however, where irate delegates lobbed critical and embarrassing questions at speakers like hand grenades. In some cases the tone in their voice implied a wish for real armaments.

Simon Poilit from the Terence Higgins Trust, the London equivalent of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, finally ran out of patience after hearing about promiscuity as a high risk factor for the umpteenth time. Addressing the chairman — yes, that "man" was deliberate, readers — he spurted, "What is promiscuity?! Sleeping with one more person than YOU have had sex with? You should also define heterosexual and homosexual acts. PLEASE be more careful in your definitions."

If one word could sum up the mood of the conference, it would have to be frustration. Delegates listened, with varying degrees of horror and exasperation, to the official delegates giving presentations that demonstrated that those who claim to control public health lack the confidence or knowledge to cope with devising policies for AIDS. In contrast, those who have direct experience of the disease through education and care, and have developed practical policies and strategies, had a tone of confidence and optimism.

Everywhere at the conference officials stated that AIDS is a political and social epidemic: the program declared it, Jonathan Mann stressed it, and speaker after speaker made reference to it. Yet, somehow, that never seemed fully believable.

Even with U.S. Surgeon General Koop's speech rejecting AIDS hysteria and "the stigma (which) has been known to deprive one of his rented housing, (has kept) a family from going to the barber, shopping at the supermarket, attending a school or a church... the arson of the home of three HIV positive children with hemophilia," somehow politics — dirty, grubby politics where people get hurt, where people are murdered just for suspicion of "carrying the virus" — was not a part of the life of the gathering. It had to come from outside.

Politics pounded on the door demanding to be let into the hall.

Governments all over the world sent delegates to the conference, pledging to uphold the World Health Organization's tenets of nondiscrimination in coping with AIDS. The grand result of those pledges is, in the words of one speaker, "the contradiction at the London summit (on AIDS in February this year) of the largest-ever gathering of health ministers at once threatening to go their separate ways and pledging themselves not to."

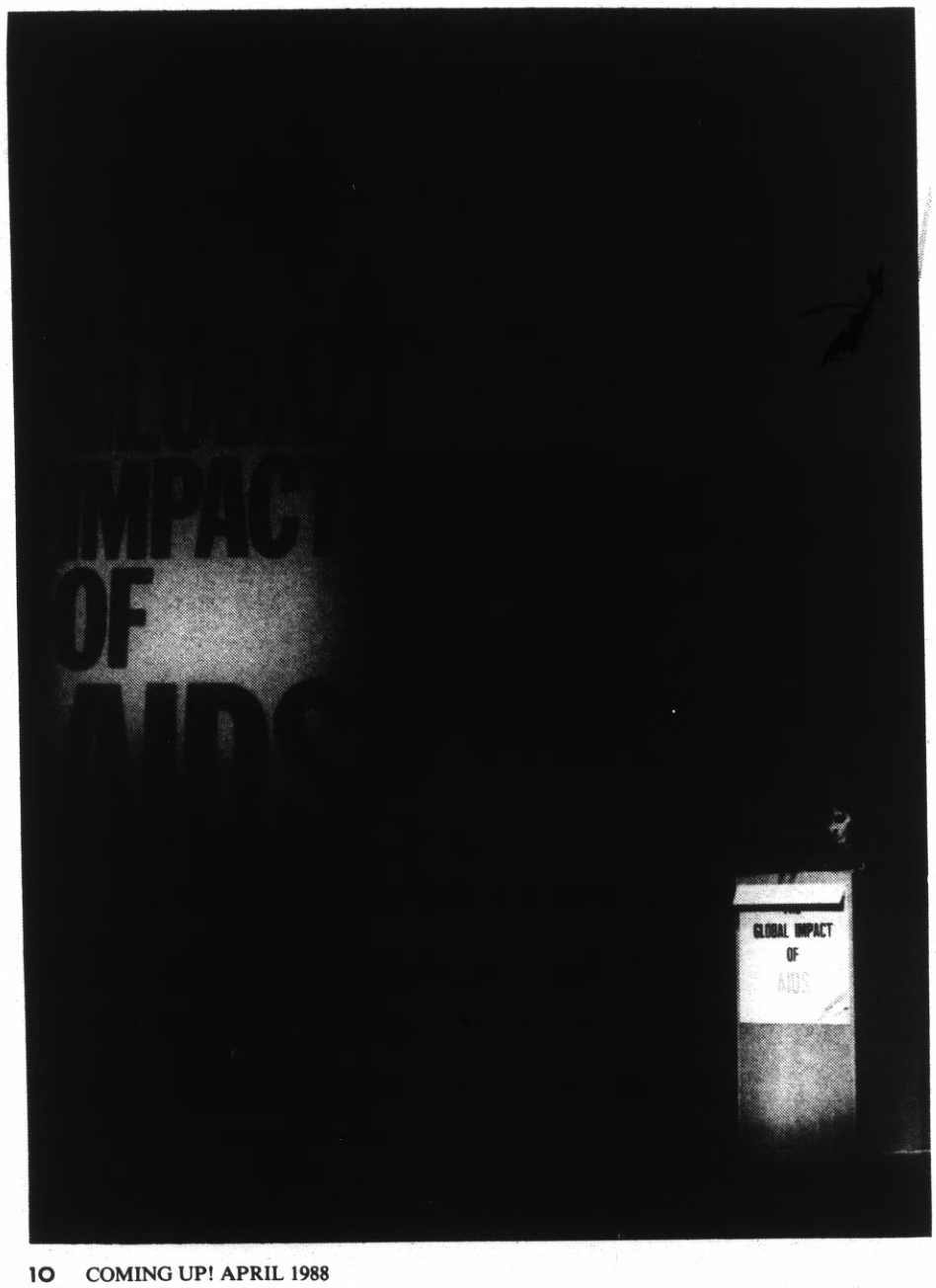
The reality of the individual government responses to AIDS is not encouraging. Contradictions between WHO antidiscrimination rhetoric and government policy are nowhere more evident than in laws governing "homosexuality" in relation to AIDS. The South Korean government has announced it is incarcerating prostitutes, gays and drug injectors who are "infected" with HIV, Cuba is already locking up HIV positive individuals in camps. On the very eve of this conference's conclusion this great liberal nation, Britain — cradle of democracy — was the adoption of Clause 28.9, a law forbidding the promotion of "pretended families" and "homosexuality." In response, Justice Michael Kirby from Australia commented, "The danger of highly inefficient laws (HIL disease) grows in all our countries every day. It is most serious because we are in the exponential phase of this epidemic."

WHO Is Counting; What? And Why?

Perhaps without intending to, the organizers laid bare the conflicting ideologies of public health officials and community organizers. Put simply, the latter camp consists of those who believe in a bottom-up approach to health care, integrating those affected in preventative strategies to halt the spread of AIDS and avert panic and discrimination — the third epidemic. For these community activists, the at-risk group is the entire world.

The more traditional approach to public health, very much in evidence at the conference hall, emphasizes a health care system that is imposed from above by a ministry of health or international nongovernmental agencies. Particular at-risk groups are targeted as likely points of entry for disease into the "general population." That approach tends toward contact tracing, data analyses and other forms of traditional social science information that can be quantified.

"One of the lessons to be derived from the Nazi holocaust against unpopular minorities, especially Jews, is the danger of depersonalizing human suffering," warned Justice Kirby. "This, I'm afraid, is a growing danger with AIDS. When the problem becomes a matter of statistics, graphs, bar charts, trend lines and other necessary paraphernalia of modern communication, there is a danger of acceptance of the unacceptable. This, after all, is how civilized, even religious, people accepted the horrors of participation, or acquiesence, in Belsen, Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen."



Some depersonalization of the disease is inevitable, simply because of the scale of the epidemic. AIDS is found in virtually all nations of the world: 81,633 cases have so far been reported to WHO, and that is surely an underestimation. Even if such under-reporting is not taken into account, by 1991 AIDS is expected to cost the world some $77.5 billion annually.

By the early 1990s deaths as a result of AIDS will equal or exceed those of motor vehicle accidents and suicides in Europe. Even with recently revised lower numbers of predicted cases, AIDS will cost the U.S. approximately $8.5 billion annually, and that doesn't include people with ARC and other HIV diseases, or the cost of AZT.

In Africa the estimated costs are far lower for the time being. "The demographic effects of AIDS could be economically analagous to a war — the question is how bad a war," noted Dr. Griffiths of health management in Geneva. Developed countries face problems of institutional arrangements, but AIDS is "not likely to cause structural problems," said Griffiths. Developing nations, however, face severe crises; the combination of lost production and soaring medical costs are liable to be severe.

In a classic understatement, Griffiths questioned how intangibles figure in: pain, grief and suffering "is very difficult to estimate."

That question went to the heart of the conflict during the conference. How is the damage to be assessed? Are "Years of Productive Life Lost" to be counted? Is the "willingness to pay" theory of how much a society is willing to fork out to save lives going to be used? How is a human life to be valued? Are African lives cheaper than Western lives, as the figures imply, or does the calculation break down at this point?

The wine glasses at the Global Impact of AIDS reception were full, as was everyone's stomach, and on the video screens were images of people with KS in Africa, in America, all over the world. But no one stopped drinking, no one stopped eating, no one stopped talking to look. The videos rolled on images of pain and suffering and we all kept eating and drinking and chatting amicably as if they didn't exist.

The Politics of Public Health
The Paucity of Professional Language

Language is a funny thing. Like a lens or light filter, language colors and focuses the world we see. Two books displayed by Ronald Frankenberg of Keele University's Center for Medical and Social Anthropology eloquently illustrated the gap between the world of public health officialdom and that of AIDS activists and people with AIDS. One is titled *AIDS: A Guide for Survival* and the other *The Management of AIDS Patients*. The audience laughed, but his point was made. Two very different worlds are attempting to work together.

The appearance of the slightly rumpled, disheveled medical anthropologist was timely. Frankenberg received the biggest round of applause and recognition from the audience of any speaker, as much out of relief as appreciation. The delegates were near outright mutiny at the cavalcade of social and behavioral scientists who either ignored the contribution of gays and lesbians to AIDS service organizations or implicitly pointed the finger at "AIDS victims" or "sufferers."

"Language on the level of victim and sufferer implies that we cannot do anything," reprimanded Frankenberg. "There is nothing new about the social ostracism of the sick. Society is always looking for guilt, then they look for the guilty. They (gay PWAs) see themselves by their culture, others see them by biology. Jews have a culture, the Nazis saw hook noses. British Blacks see themselves by their culture, British racists see Blacks. Women see male oppression, to men they are biologically women.

"I wish to be slightly unorthodox in saying the benefits of AIDS being found in the U.S. among gay men," declared Frankenberger. "It was of great benefit to us, but bad for them that AIDS was found among a politically aware group that had formed its own culture.

"One person's perversion is another's culture," Frankenberg noted gleefully, and urged health educators to follow the gay community's example and educate themselves and others using self-help models. He added his own caveat of irritation with public health officials who blithely insist people can change their culture easily... . "The lesson of the gay response is important. It doesn't follow that the changes have to be without joy."

One encouraging effort to halt the spread of AIDS was the burgeoning needle-sharing schemes emerging around the world. From Amsterdam to Australia to Britain, various forms of self-administered or public-health-service-run needle exchange schemes are emerging. In Bradford, according to the organizer of the scheme, the local vice squad is running around distributing free or at-cost needle exchange and condom packs!

Such efforts are still controversial in the U.S., but when cornered at a press conference, U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop guardedly admitted, "If a clean needle program will curb the spread of the epidemic, I don't see how I can be against it."

Where the conference organizers had included health workers and reports on programs that had been built on grassroots foundations, the effect was electric, the whole hall seemed to come alive. Grace Smallwood, an Aborigine health worker from Australia, detailed her one-woman AIDS campaign involving a process of community discussions using consultation, networking and feedback, so that the AIDS education sprang directly from those who will use it. The process was so successful that her community's program devised an internationally acclaimed superhero — CONDOMAN!! — promoting condom (frenchie) use with the slogan, "Don't Be Shame, Be Game, USE FRENCHIES!"

"The community is our only resource," she stated. With high rates of alcoholism, drug use and unemployment, Aborigines remain a forgotten and despised minority. "The program would not have been a success without com-

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Controversy Follows Shilts and "Zero" to London

BY TIM KINGSTON

Controversy has erupted once more around the Patient Zero theory of the spread of AIDS, and once again Randy Shilts is in the middle of the fray. This time the fireworks took place in London during The Global Impact of AIDS conference. The dispute centers on the validity of the hypothesis underlying the Patient Zero scenario.

In the *New Statesman* and the March 4 issue of *Capitol Gay*, a gay London newspaper, internationally-acclaimed Scottish investigative reporter Duncan Campbell charges that the Patient Zero theory espoused by Randy Shilts in his AIDS epic *And the Band Played On* is groundless.

Campbell bases his assertion on conversations and correspondence with William Darrow, the scientist at the Centers for Disease Control involved in the first "cluster studies" on the spread of AIDS. The original cluster study found that 40 of the first 248 people with AIDS in the United States had sex with Gaetan Dugas, dubbed by Shilts as "Patient Zero." That finding led to the supposition that Dugas, an airline steward, played a major role in the early spread of the virus. But according to Darrow, the time delay between infection and disease is much longer than originally thought, making it less likely that all those who had sex with Patient Zero actually "caught" the disease from him.

Shilts has denounced Campbell's articles as "obnoxious and unfair" and says that it detracts from *As The Band Played On*'s criticism of the Reagan administration. Shilts maintains that William Darrow approved the text concerning the cluster studies and "Patient Zero" in *Band*, while Darrow in conversations with Campbell has specifically said he did not.

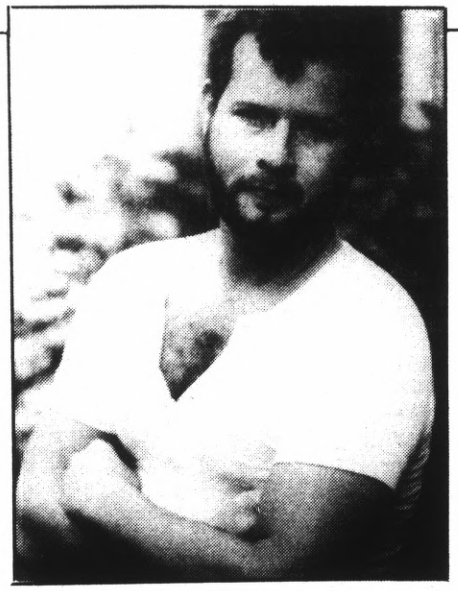
Shilts complains that Campbell's articles don't contain any quotes from him. But according to Campbell, Shilts withdrew from a prearranged interview with him where he was invited to respond to Darrow's criticism of the use of Patient Zero in *Band*.

The question is not whether or not Patient Zero existed — no one questions that — but about the validity of the theory. The review by Campbell in the *New Statesman* quotes Darrow saying, "We found an average of 9-11 months for symptoms to appear after the last sexual experience (with an infected individual)." However, Darrow made it clear to Campbell that those original conclusions were ill-founded, and the average incubation period for AIDS is now closer to eight years.

Darrow and another scientist both stated to Campbell that other Americans were exposed to AIDS before Dugas showed up on the scene, but Darrow later noted "Patient Zero" could have infected *one* individual. However, San Francisco General epidemiologist Dr. Andrew Moss told Campbell flatly, "If you have got to choose somebody, it wouldn't be him."

Darrow was also unhappy about Shilts' use of Patient Zero's name. Darrow said in a conversation with Campbell, "I made this point on numerous occasions. We were talking with very good eye contact, and I told (Shilts), 'Do not use the names of persons who contracted AIDS during the outbreak.' I urged him away from placing reliance on the cluster study."

Randy Shilts disagrees, and told *Coming Up!* at the Global Impact conference, "Darrow admits he saw (a manuscript of *The Band Played On*).... He never challenged any of the facts." In a discussion with British novelist Adams Mars-Jones, Shilts also denied that



Darrow repudiated the cluster study research:

"No he does not. He does not. The fact is that William Darrow of the Centers for Disease Control saw every page before this book was published, saw every word that was written about him and the study, and he approved every word of it."

Darrow disagrees with Shilts' version, and told Campbell that Shilts had sent about 20 pages of the book where Darrow himself was mentioned. "I pointed out specifically some changes.... I also could not say that I endorsed everything in those pages, since I suggested some changes which he did not make."

"What Randy says just doesn't add up," argues Campbell. "It's absolutely clear that the CDC scientist did not 'approve every word' as Randy is claiming. If he is not lying, then he is certainly wriggling."

So far in Britain AIDS coverage by the tabloid press has been less than helpful. As Simon Watney, AIDS activist and author stated, "The tabloids are full of hate." Last year a Murdoch paper labeled Patient Zero "The Man Who Gave Us AIDS!" and attacked the "Randy Air Steward who hid the truth from his 2,500 lovers." Similar crazed assertions fill the tabloids, the latest being the coverage of "Crisis", the Masters and Johnson so-called study of AIDS among heterosexuals.

Shilts complained to *Coming Up!* of the "typical crap I get from certain segments (of the gay press). People don't come away with Patient Zero... I go way back on working on this — and to get it from Campbell who just came out of his comfortable closet a year ago."

Shilts lobbed another attack on Campbell, calling him a gay ideologue, "I think he has ideological reasons. He's out front, he says it makes gay people look bad. The fact is Patient Zero did exist... It's the same old thing; it's a brilliant book, superb, then he pulled out Bill Darrow. (The review is) more snide than the *Bay Area Reporter*. It's a nasty, vindictive attack. It's the only place I've gotten a bad review; the mainstream press loved my book."

"That is exactly the point," noted Simon Watney, suggesting it is the gay press who are most likely to understand the issues surrounding HIV discrimination and finger pointing.

Shilts dismissed the impact of the controversy as a tempest in a teapot, "Neither *Capitol Gay* nor the *New Statesman* are significant. They are both marginal publications."

That comment may come as news to *New Statesman* readers. It is a magazine comparable to *The Nation* in the U.S., with a wider readership and impact. It is also worth noting that Campbell is an acclaimed investigative reporter in Britain, with an international reputation for his investigational abilities; an ideologue would find it difficult to gain such a reputation.

Campbell says the attacks on him by Shilts have contained a large amount of personal abuse, not critical analyses. "My report was about science, not ideology — and Randy got it wrong." Campbell said he was angered by Shilts' personal comments: "My being gay is as completely irrelevant to the issue as his being gay. I write for everybody, as he does. I am really sorry, though, that he just ran away from the serious issues here and resorted to personal abuse, said only behind my back. That's just cowardly, offensive and stupid, and demeaning to his own reputation."

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In a painful reminder of the reality of discrimination, Smallwood was not included originally in the official program in the same way she accidentally was allowed into medical school by authorities who thought she was not Aborigine. She spent six months unemployed organizing her program and was finally given a six-month grant by the Australian government.

A similar warm reception was given to programs initiated in Zimbabwe by Susan Laval, lecturer at the University of Harare Department of Community Medicine, and Gil Gordon, who is making an AIDS education film. Both utilized similar types of community involvement and assessment to evaluate their programs.

Laval counterposed leaflets and official AIDS education information that lie unread, or used as paper airplanes at football matches, against community programs of puppet shows, posters and meeting involving local faith healers, "social ladies" (sex workers) and factory workers. Each group in their own way felt left out of official AIDS education.

The conference was not lacking in good intentions, merely effective ones. The European Council of Ministers emerged with a bill of rights for HIV positive individuals and PWAs. Nongovernment agencies explained their plans, the United Nations Development Project (UNDP) unveiled an international cooperation campaign. But when the UNDP was asked what kind of cooperation they planned with North American PWA organizations, an evasive answer gave the impression that consulting PWAs had not occurred to the organization. The response was not, unfortunately, surprising. At least the UNDP official had the grace to look embarrassed.

Unfortunately, some of the speakers only barely acknowledged the human side of AIDS, an aspect of the conference that infuriated many of the delegates.

Dr. M. Carballo, a leading World Health Organization official, managed to raise all sorts of hackles with his "analysis." It wasn't what he said that set teeth on edge, it was how he said it. "We are on the verge of a totally new experiment in health provision," he declared in a tone of detached professional curiosity.

Carballo's sensitivity was at best limited. He repeatedly referred to "high risk groups" without once saying the word gay. He made the well-worn assertions of the difficulty in reaching "drug injectors" who "constitute a direct link to the heterosexual, and not necessarily drug-using community." All the common-sense stereotypes were couched in a bland, neutral language, substituting description of the world as it is for an explanation of why things are as they are.

> "Cupid and condoms don't mix," stated Sophie Day of St. Mary's Hospital. She cited anecdotal evidence of seropositive prostitutes whose only unprotected sex was with boyfriends. Of the 150 sex workers in her London study, three were seropositive, two had shared needles and one was infected by her boyfriend.

Such a critique could be dismissed as the irrelevant carping of a professional academic, were it not for the way he chronicled the emergence of AIDS service groups such as Shanti and the Terence Higgins Trust. "Often initiated, staffed and in many cases financed by high-risk persons and groups, these systems seem to be able to provide a quality of constant and appropriate psychosocial care... " A questioner challenged, and was loudly applauded, for querying Carballo's terminology and lack of political analysis. In reply Carballo airily dismissed such concepts as a "historical detail." With two words he delegitimized the gay and lesbian response to government homophobia and "malign" neglect as unworthy of comment at a conference centered on the social and political impact of the disease!

In Brazil, the difference between the official version of events and what is really going on was graphically illustrated. After a question from the floor about cases of AIDS-related violence and assassinations, R. Liar Guerra De Macado Rodrigues stated, "I have never heard of lynchings based on AIDS; usually the Ministry of Health knows about those things. I've never heard of that."

That answer came after a long presentation about the Brazilian government's extensive public health programs for AIDS, which appeared to center primarily on blood screening, and antibody testing estimated to cost some $95 million per year. Brazil now has 2,651 AIDS cases among blood receivers, Brazilian gays, bisexuals and children. No figures for IV-DU cases were noted.

Afterwards, this reporter was approached by a Brazilian public health worker who requested anonymity and revealed, "She knows, she has to know (about the AIDS-related murders)... but she cannot say anything politically, because if the government admitted this was going on, she would have to do something about it. The government cannot afford to admit discrimination. They know, but such crimes are counted as regular crimes."

If gays and lesbians were ignored by the conference, prositutes were the subject of plenty of unwelcome attention. "There is a social crusade against the sale of sex. It is assumed prostitutes will be more exposed to the virus, and they will play a role in the spread of the virus," complained Dr. Sophie Day of the LSE and St. Mary's Hospital.

Three comments stand out from the forest of prejudiced attitudes.

Dr. Carballo asserted that AIDS will make extramarital affairs "less acceptable. This could... lead to a higher dependence on prostitutes... (who are) at increasingly high risk of infection." Dr. Carballo cites African and American studies to back up his comments that the majority of prostitutes in many parts of Africa and the U.S. are infected. A Ghanaian health official targeted "young women" forced out of the country by economic hardship who returned with spare cash and HIV. Another presenter implied prostitution is a likely international vector of transmission in an otherwise excellent demolition of arguments used to justify restrictions on international travel.

Delegates flocked to the microphones to defend the honor and rights of sex workers, asking angrily why it is always the prostitutes' fault, why doesn't responsibility "go over to the male side for a change!" A Kenyan doctor noted with irritation that prostitutes don't just happen, "they are forced into it by other factors."

This time, however, the organizers had fortuitously scheduled Sophie Day of the London School of Economics and St. Mary's Hospital. Day drew very different conclusions — the most startling at the conference — that prostitutes are less at risk from clients than



boyfriends. "Cupid and condoms don't mix," stated Day with slides of Cupid firing arrows at a wounded rubber on the backscreen. She cited anecdotal evidence of seropositive women whose only unprotected sex was with boyfriends. Day conducted her own long-term investigation into sex workers in London. Of the 150 women in her London study, three were seropositive, two had shared needles and one was infected by her boyfriend.

She demolished finger-pointing at sex workers with a wealth of data illustrating very different rates of infection among prostitutes around the globe that could not all simply be put down to working in the sex industry. She noticed although many African sex workers show high rates of seropositivity, the infection rate varied between one and 88 percent. In the United States she found a similar variability, but found the higher rates of infection could be closely correlated with injecting drug use rather than sex work.

"There is a historical link between prostitution and drug sales," Day explained, and made a case against criminalization. "When illegalized prostitutes (are) forced to work harder (by their boyfriends)," which she said could lead to both increased drug use and trafficking in the prostitute sector, "the collective identity of prostitution is forced upon women rather than built up from inside."

Efforts to blame sex workers for the spread of AIDS are liable to backfire in more ways than one. "The symbolic attempt to put groups inside barriers at risk," articulated Day, legitimates a "them," with the disease or at risk for it and an "us" who are are not, when "those outside the barriers are equally at risk."

Standoff: Which End of the Telescope Are You Looking At?

What increasingly riled the assorted health workers, AIDS activists, PWAs, gays, lesbians and other assorted riff raff was the sense that the officialdom present at the conference didn't really have a handle on how to devise public health measures to deal with AIDS, while at the same time they were being presented with community-based programs relying on the skills and resources of those at the heart of the epidemic. Solutions to the third phase of AIDS, "the broad social impacts... of the virus..." as the program called it, were in the form of PWA organizations, community-scale education campaigns in developing nations, but the people in charge of the purse strings and grants seemed ambivalent.

"If we can't find a way to talk the same language (here)," complained Dick, of the International Red Crescent, "We don't have a hope of dealing with the disease." In the final session, delegates challenged the conference organizers and public health establishment to "fund not just condom research, but alternatives to penetrative sex," a demand that seemed to sum up the challenge of AIDS. AIDS requires that the world think very differently about sex, sexuality and discrimination. As Surgeon General Koop said, "not only is individual freedom compatible with epidemiological control, it is essential."

Prior epidemics have been dealt with by isolation and quarantine and separation. AIDS is not like that, but the public health officials don't seem to have realized that not only do their policies have to change, they too must re-evaluate their view of the world.

The real question is how many governments will stop testing for HIV antibodies at least in part as a result of this conference? How many will think about shifting their public health policies to national education as opposed to "risk groups" while keeping in mind the sensitivities and human rights of all persons with AIDS?

While bottom-up AIDS campaigns offer hope against the spread and transmission of AIDS, the omens are less hopeful from government intervention of the worst sort. Everett Koop is a lone voice in the Reagan administration, and even he defends State Department and army HIV testing.

An image keeps returning from the conference that offers little solace.

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Somehow the image stuck in my mind over and above all the lectures and talks and interviews around the corridors and in the conference hall. The speakers counted the mounting toll, the public health officials made their speeches from all over the world, and then flew back to their offices. The journalists all filed their stories and went to another AIDS conference. The AIDS activists and health workers walked out into the chill anonymous London air to continue their work hoping someone back there really did listen.

1988 AIDS Bike-a-Thon IV: Sign Up to Ride Now!

The 1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon has been set for Saturday, May 14, and registration is currently open for cyclists. The annual event, the brainchild of the San Francisco-based gay and lesbian bicycle club Different Spokes, has raised over $600,000 in its three-year history for AIDS service provider organizations throughout the extended Bay Area. This year their goal is to sign up over 1,500 cyclists and raise $500,000. As in the past, one hundred percent of all pledge monies will go directly to the designated beneficiaries.

With distances of 25 miles, 60 miles and 100 miles in San Francisco and Marin counties, cyclists of all abilities can participate in this worthwhile event. To find out how you can be a part of the 1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon IV, just pick up a registration flyer at the Different Spokes booth, weekends 10am to 4pm at 18th and Castro, at Headlines, or by calling the folks at Different Spokes (415) 771-0677.

A Conference on Lesbian Battering for Battered Lesbians

The Lesbian Task Force of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence will hold a conference for battered lesbians on June 4-5 at Little Rock, Arkansas. The conference will provide an opportunity for battered lesbians to share stories, address organizing issues and develop leadership. Conference organizers have announced that the conference is open to battered lesbians only. Batterers are not welcome at any part of the conference.

The deadline for registration is May 1. Low-cost hotel arrangements have been made by conference organizers, and a limited number of spaces are available in women's homes. For complete information write or call Joyce Grover, Transitional Care Services, PO Box 633, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913) 841-6887.



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Letters...

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consent laws, we do, since these laws do not protect children but rather are ineffective and in many cases actually cause them harm. Instead, achildren need effective weapons against the assaults of adults. You omit the fact that we have advocated for years the real empowerment of youth through full civil rights — rights that now belong only to adults.

But your omission of NAMBLA's work in the fight against AIDS is inexcusable. Far from espousing irresponsible conduct — as your article implies — we have fought AIDS with information about risky drug use, as well as unsafe sex practices:

•Our monthly *Bulletin*regularly runs articles urging precautions against AIDS;

•We produced more than 2,000 informational leaflet on safe sex practices;

•We presented AIDS prevention workshops at our general membership conferences in New York and Los Angeles in 1985 and 1986;

•We donated money to support the printing of pamphlets by other gay groups to inform people of safe sex practices.

Your fear-mongering story about children, sex, and AIDS could very well result in driving boys and men further underground — away from the information they need to hear if they are to protect themselvs from unsafe sex practices.

Sincerely,
Arnold Schoen
for NAMBLA
San Francisco

Safe Sex Guidelines

I want to join Steve Johnson who wrote that safe sex guidelines need to be revised (Letters*Coming Up!*, March 1988) that safe sex guidelines need to be revised. He identified unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse as really the only unsafe sexual behaviors which has been my point of view for some time. Indeed, initial guidelines needed to be very conservative until more was know although I always thougt that, if oral sex were seriously unsafe, we would have many, many more cases of AIDS.

Large-scale epidemiological studies, yet to be published, of gay men in San Francisco and Los Angeles have determined that oral sex alone rarely if every infects one with HIV (although abstinence would seem to be wise in the presence of bleeding gum or oral lesions or ulcers). Fisting is dangerous in and of itself but probably only contributes to the spread of AIDS by producing tears int eh rectal tissues. Rimming put one at risk of hepatitis which may damage immunity, but otherwise would seem to have little association with AIDS transmission.

If people are given "permission" to practice what is safe, they will take more seriously prohibitions against what isn't. Otherwise, we have a repeat of the "reefer madness" in which valid and useful information is disregarded along with misinformation. Is there a blanket negativity toward sex, especially gay sex, which is holding up that permission?

Sincerely,
James Sorrells
Guerneville

USOC in the tradition of Nazis

As a Jew who lost 9 members of my family in the Holocaust, I wish to support Mayor Art Agnos and Supervisor Harry Britt, and others who oppose the Olympics coming to San Francisco until they end their anti-Gay policies. I wish there had been enough people n Europe to tell the Nazis "No" when they started passing their anti-Jewish laws, including laws that prohibited Jews from playing sports with Aryans.

I consider the Olympic committee's anti-Gay stance to be in the best tradition of the Nazis. We must all oppose such bigotry at its inception. An offense against one is an offense against all. We should have learned that by now.

Shalom,
Steve Bar-Lev
Oakland

Tunnel Vision

My gay brothers, as one observer in this beautiful city, we can see the fear, hurt, loneliness and anger in your heart and eyes.

Why have you managed to isolate yourself from the friendship and love that you're capable of giving and very much desire to receive.

You must believe that disease and health, like other circumstances, are rooted in thought. The people who live in fear of disease are the people who get it. Strong, pure and happy thoughts build up the body in vigour and grace. Living life continually in thoughts of ill will, cynicism, suspicion and envy, can only confine you in self-made prison hold.

But, to think well of all, to be cheerufl with all, and to partiently learn to find good in all such unselfish thoughts are the very portals of life.

Yes, we have lost many wonderful good friends, lovers, associates and even family.

We have to rebuild our community, let's not just accept, Asians, Mexicans and Latinos into our community, and then reject, expose and underestimate what Black gays have, and can continue to contribute to our community.

Politics will not open as many doors for us as in the past, because most of our groups spend so much time fighting amongst other organization in our own community, instead of uniting together.

We all live and ove being in the Gay CAPITOL of the world and that takes leadership, acceptance and building a future and image for our less fortunate brothers and sisters to have the freedom we enjoy in this city.

Other areas in which we need to rebuild our community include more business successes, positive press coverage, a nice safe place to live where people can relocate... then the large tourist population can once more feel comfortable about visiting here. We are the only ones that can really heal ourselves and make the difference.

We will really begin to see the difference in our communities across the country when we can show them that we are building our future, providing new residences for our seniors and have exciting discos with good dance music and service staff that welcome you with each and every visit. I've asked myself, why do the stand-up bars in our city have the best dance music. Anyone that has ever danced knows that good music is the best stress release next to resting.

We chose to be gay, make our Gay Day Parade a big party such as Mardi Gra instead of the constant political melee and sexual display. We don't have to fight to be accepted; let's make it a celbration of our life. Show the masses by example. Everyone who is here today has so many things to be thankful for. We will not only show the world that we are proud, but alive and happy.

Start to touch, hold, love and especially communicate with each other. Don't let the next five years turn you into an older, lonely gay person.

Don't regress, let's make progress. Be the best you know we can be.

Sincerely
Joel Lance
San Francisco

Achtenberg for Assembly — And Not Just Because She's A Lesbian

Lately it seems that San Franciscans are forever involved with elective politics. As soon as one election is over, another begins.

Because California is far less liberal politically than its reputation, the upcoming election in the 16th Assembly District in San Francisco is of interest to concerned voters statewide. There is little doubt that the two major candidates, Roberta Achtenberg and John Burton, are bona fide liberal Democrats in the cherished tradition of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Democratic Party since Roosevelt. Either one would be a credit to San Francisco's and the Bay Area's membership to the State Assembly.

Roberta Achtenberg is, however, a wiser choice because she is just launching her political career. Unlike John Burton, who does not plan to remain in the State Assembly beyond a few years, Roberta Achtenberg has the potential of becoming a political institution for many years — just what San Francisco and the rest of the Bay Area needs at Sacramento.

To vote either for or against Roberta Achtenberg solely because of her gayness is, of course, foolish — and event prejudicial. The major question is simply: Is she qualified?

She certainly is. Her political philosophy represents the traditional human concerns of FDR's New Deal: civil rights, labor, economic justice, women's co-equal rights, conservation, peace, and the plight of the central cities such as Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose here in the Bay Area.

With this background and philosophy Roberta Achtenberg's concerns are far wider than those crucial concerns that are paramount in the lives of gay men and gay women: medical research toward a vaccine against the AIDS virus and toward a cure for AIDS and ARC, public funding for adequate and compassionate care for persons with AIDS or ARC, and the protection of the civil liberties of gay men and gay women in this AIDS epidemic.

Non-gay San Franciscans are her co-equal fellow citizens.

Thus, she is far from being a gay candidate to represent gay constituents. Her concerns are deeply catholic — bounded not by race, sex, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, age, or socio-economic status but by an understanding of the shared commonality which unifies all persons and which relates them with their natural environment on this planet and with the economic environment in which they must survive.

Both gay and non-gay San Franciscans will be represented with intelligence, with commitment, and with grace when Roberta Achtenberg takes a seat in the State Assembly — and as a bonus she will be walking proof that a person's sexual orientation is fundamentally irrelevant in politics.

Respectfully yours,
James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

Hospital Workers' Rights

SEIU Local 250 Hospital and Healthcare Workers' Union is in contract negotiations with Affiliated Hospitals of San Francisco, a group of seven private hospitals: St. Francis, St. Mary's, Children's, Marshal Hale, Pacific-Presbyterian, Mt. Zion, and Seton.

Local 250 represents 1,800 nursing, technical, housekeeping, and dietary workers at these facilities and the current contract expires April 30,1988.

Our union is proposing language changes in our contract's non-discrimination clause, which would extend protection to members on the basis of *physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, and religion.*(The contract already includes sexual orientation.)

Management rejected this proposal on March 7, claiming these hospitals don't discriminate and maintaining that governmental agencies are adequate to deal with any discrimination complaints.

But San Francisco hospital workers reject this reasoning — reasoning which is identical to management's initial rejection of the union's sexual orientation proposal in the 1985 contract negotiations — until the union forced management to back down.

The union is clear that if the hospitals don't discriminate then they should include these categories in the contract's non-discrimination section. Furthermore, hospital workers who take care of AIDS and ARC patients are well aware of the discrimination AIDS patients endure, even in San Francisco, and we want protection from that discrimination ourselves. And finally, why should contractually protected workers go to conservative, bureaucratic governmental agencies to file a complaint when the grievance and arbitration procedure — already part of our contract — can and should be used for the quickest and fairest resolution of worksite discrimination problems?

Members find it ironic, as well, that hospitals which have religious ties are not willing to ensure that workers are protected on the basis of our religion.

The union's position remains firm although management continues to reject our concerns. Therefore, we need the community's help to persuade these hospitals to guarantee contractually an end to all discrimination.

Please direct a postcard, short letter or telephone call to the Chair of the Personnel Committee of Affiliated Hospitals: Harry Joel, Children's Hospital of San Francisco, 3700 California St., San Francisco, CA 94118; (415) 387-8700.

Thank you for your help.

John Mehring
Local 250 AIDS Education Committee
San Francisco

Dykes to Watch Out For



COMMUNITY FORUM

A Question of Conscience: AIDS Research vs. Animal Rights

BY SALLY MILLER GEARHART

Our AIDS Initiative ("The AIDS Research Act of 1988") raises a serious question of conscience for many of us who fight for both lesbian/gay causes and the liberation of animals. My first reaction was delight that we had finally formulated an initiative that would allow Californians to vote *for* an AIDS bill; my second reaction was dismay that the initiative was for AIDS research instead of for AIDS education and the care of people with AIDS.

The problem I have is that our initiative could increase the imprisonment, suffering, and death of nonhuman animals. AIDS research is of two kinds: 1) that which seeks a CURE for or an arrest of the disease in people with AIDS or in those who are antibody positive, and 2) that which seeks PREVENTION, specifically research to discover a vaccine or other barriers to the disease. Even most researchers will admit that animals are not necessary in the first area when so many human volunteers are eager to participate in clinical trials for newly developed drugs and therapies.

It is the second area that many would argue requires animal experimentation, for before a vaccine is tested on human subjects it is ordinarily tested on animal models. The likelihood is not great that healthy human volunteers will elect to take the vaccine before it has been "proved" to work on chimpanzees or other animals (though some people have suggested that the researchers who are convinced that HIV is harmless and not the cause of AIDS could themselves volunteer to be subjects for the testing of HIV vaccines).

I want research, yes, but not at the expense of animals. I want researchers — and lesbians, gay men, and feminists — to abandon their efforts to find an animal model for vaccine testing and shift the money presently underwriting that highly questionable research into an area that we know is effective, *i.e.*, into prevention through education.

I take this position because it's becoming clear that AIDS is not a part of non-human life experience. First, *empirically speaking*: seven years of frantic testing, millions of dollars, and thousands of animal lives, have failed to give any animal the disease, not even the chimpanzee, the most promising non-human subject. Second, *scientifically speaking*: HIV infects humans via the T-cells; the fact that the non-human T-cell structure (even that of other primates) is so very different from that of humans casts serious doubt upon the suitability of non-human animals as models for HIV infection. Finally, *behaviorally speaking*: non-human animals do not ordinarily participate in the activities that most frequently transmit the virus, *i.e.*, they do not exchange it through anal intercourse, intravenous drug use, or the receiving of blood products.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY THAT AIDS IS A *UNIQUELY* HUMAN DISEASE AND THAT IF WE WANT A VACCINE WE MUST TEST THAT VACCINE ONLY ON HUMAN SUBJECTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR INFORMED CONSENT.

When the present research initiative becomes law it will pose dangers to animals



unless those of us who oppose their use make our convictions clear. We have some hope for its success because the initiative in its intent and in its careful formulation DOES *NOT* RECOMMEND THE USE OF LABORATORY ANIMALS FOR THE RESEARCH THAT WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE PROPOSITION. To be sure it speaks of vaccine development and that usually, though not necessarily, means animal research. But this proposition that we have before us is the result of a lot of sensitivity, responsiveness, and conscious work on the part of the AIDS Initiative Committee, particularly in regard to this question of the use of animals.

If I understand correctly the initiative's history, we at first attempted to get the State Legislature to place it before the voters on the November, 1988 ballot. That body resisted doing so because legislators felt that the Governor would certainly veto that action. Thus we're left with the task of getting the signatures ourselves for its inclusion on the ballot.

Originally, the measure in three specific parts of its detail had proposed the use of laboratory animals. When the statewide committee set to work to ready the initiative for the signature-gathering campaign, some animal rights activists from the lesbian and gay community challenged those specific recommendations for the use of animals. The committee responded immediately: it deleted those three references and sent the entire initiative back yet again through all the red tape of the Office of the Secretary of State for a final approval. Thus what is before us is a proposition that has within it NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO ANIMAL USE, and even more important, a proposition FROM WHICH ANY SUCH REFERENCE HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY AND LABORIOUSLY DELETED.

The fact that so much effort went into this changing of the language testifies that we do *not* by this initiative intend any AIDS research that uses animals. Those efforts allow us as voters to expect that the Board administering the funding will steadfastly refuse to fund any such research.

Our task when the initiative passes will be to remind the Board and the Legislature of the clear intent of the proposition. Between now and November our task is to educate ourselves, medical science, and the pharmaceutical industry about our needs as a community stricken with AIDS and about our desire not to exploit other species in helping ourselves.

As a strong political entity in this state and in the nation, our lesbian and gay community is in an almost unique position. The epidemic has touched our lives more deeply than it has touched any other organized group and as a result we have been and will continue to be forced to deal with medical institutions on a large scale. We've discovered over these years some of the miracles of medical science and some truly sensitive, caring, and intelligent practitioners of it. We also know how self-aggrandizing and with what questionable ethics medical science can operate. We have seen that the pharmaceutical industry can be competitive, profiteering, and exploitative to the disadvantage of those they purport to help.

Many of us, I daresay most particularly women, have over the centuries increasingly mistrusted the foundations of western medical practice. We have wondered about its obsessive drive to rid humankind of death and "imperfection" at any cost. We have questioned its human chauvinism, its invasive techniques, its disregard for process, and its often arrogant disrespect for the intelligence and dignity of the individual patient.

Because we are now making large and justified demands upon medical and pharmaceutical institutions and because we are a gentle angry people, lesbians, gay men, and feminists can have a tremendous influence in the changing of current scientific practices, particularly those that encourage useless, redundant, and inhumane animal protocols. Even as we fight for our own lives and the lives of those we love, we can teach medicine and industry that the methods by which they accomplish their goals have values in themselves, that there is an ethic to the "how" of science as well as to its "what."

So I call upon all of us to join forces with animal rights activists and to make the next decade more than just a battleground for our rights, our dignity, and our health. It can be as well a time for our education of the medical establishment and a time for our expression of concern for all of life, whatever its form.

Gay Men's Chorus Holding Auditions

The San Francisoc Gay Men's Chorus will be holding auditions for singers in late April. Both singing and staff positions are available. A special invitation is extended to former members of the Chorus. Members joining the chorus in April will perform in the Tenth Anniversary Concert at Louise M. Davies Hall in August with special guest stars.

The Chorus was founded in 1978 and is the oldest gay chorus in the country. In 1981 The Chorus toured the country and stimulated the development of over 50 other gay musical groups.

For more information, call 469-7323 and ask for Robert.

Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors Hold April Gathering

Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors (JLDHS) will meet on the East Coast later this month for a weekend of discussion, support and networking around issues faced by children of survivors. This is to be the sixth semi-annual gathering of JLDHS since the group formed in the fall of 1985. Today, more than 75 members have joined from across the US and Canada, and the list is growing.

JLDHS is for lesbians whose parent or parents survived the Holocaust. This includes parents who were in nazi Europe or North Africa in 1933 or later and who survived death camps or in hiding, by passing as non-Jews, or by managing to leave for safer territories.

For further information on the conference or JLDHS write PO Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114, or call (617) 321-4254.

HELP

The Humane and Dignified Death Act Needs Your Help To Qualify For The Ballot!

A recent poll shows 64% of Californians believe incurably ill persons should be able to ask for and get life-ending medication. ***The Humane and Dignified Death Act*** *would give terminally ill adults this right under carefully specified conditions.*

Time is extremely short to collect the balance of the signatures needed to put this initiative before the voters of California in November. If we can get on the ballot, we can win!

YOU CAN HELP! We need your help to circulate petitions. Most people are familiar with the initiative and will be eager to sign. You can quickly gather many signatures from your neighbors and co-workers. Please do so NOW!

Easy-to-use kits containing petitions for 5 to 500 signatures are available today! Donations to support the ballot drive are also needed. Please make checks payable to Americans Against Human Suffering.

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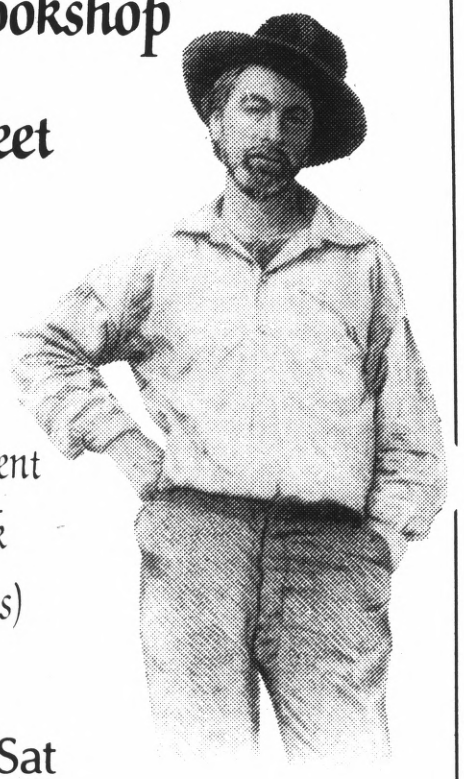
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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

April Fuels

April's children, whether Aries or Taurus should have an especially happy birthday and a wonderful year with Jupiter, the planet of opportunity and good luck, careening past your sun and through your first house. Jupiter in Taurus is generally lucky in financial affairs for all of us, but this month indicates that any such opportunities will come through insight and difficult challenges.

This is to say that everything should be all right, but is "all right" sufficient? If you're willing to take big risks and make deep changes, if you really believe you can see through treachery and exploitation, then you can make dramatic changes for the better.

Basically the opposition of Jupiter to Pluto (from April 19 to May 4) indicates that the more you risk the more *likely* you'll win. Alas, there are no guarantees. Nepturne trine Jupiter (from April 13 to the 30th) leads us towards hunches and spiritual means. Alas, such leanings tend to invite treachery and dubious hunches. Don't make any important decisions if you've been drinking or up late. "But it's only been a little bit," is among your famous last words.

On the other hand, this makes a productive time to be deeply introspective, to see how your physical and metaphysical realities intersect and how you can make life in the real world more spiritually fulfilling. Also consider that your spiritual beliefs and awareness can enhance your physical reality. This ain't no new age la-la-la. You may find yourself severely tested reconciling your ideals with your reality. It could take a few slaps of a brick wall against your pretty face before you see what exactly is going on. You may need to make some serious changes in your ideals or your reality.

With conscious direction and work you can change the shit in your life to fertilizer and growth and beautiful roses and fruits. But without that work and focus you'd just be stuck with a lot of shit. And remember, we're dealing with Jupiter. Where there's Jupiter, there's a whole lot of whatever there is.

It is said that there is a god that looks out for drunks and fools. The great god "Koh" will be busy this month. Drunks, addicts, co-dependents, and obsessive-compulsive types of all types will find those patterns supported by these aspects. You may find that you like the familiar pat of bricks and mortar against your cheeks or that the smell of fertilizer represents the hope of things to come. Or you may wise up and spot some dysfunctional patterns operating. This month is good for "high bottoms." Next month the rug gets pulled out from under and people who are getting away with fooling themselves will be rudely surprised. A careful self-inventory now can save a lot of grief later.

Life is rarely as dramatic and colorful as "good copy," but a Jupiter-Pluto opposition guarantees some excitement.

Sun Signs

Aries: You know you're wonderful. Your lover knows you're wonderful. Now get over yourself. Wonderful is as wonderful does. Patience and understanding are not typically Arietian traits, but if you want to be really as wonderful as you think you are (and you really could be), make a special effort at patience and understanding. Step one, don't call attention to your efforts. Happy birthday, David.

Taurus: Your golden opportunities come especially through hard work and introspection. What happens to you, your friends may think, shouldn't happen to a dog. You may smile bravely, thank God you're not a dog, and find gratitude and deep reserves of capacities undreamed of. It looks awful and sounds worse, but you — and perhaps only you — will know how tremendously lucky you really are.

Gemini: It looks like, feels like, and acts like dreams of ecstacy coming true, and your dream of love approaching on a golden charger. What it actually is is a challenge to your ideals that will send you for an interesting spin. Is somebody in your life drinking or drugging a lot? Are you going to parties and feeling like you'd rather be doing something more creative? This can be a time for great sex and/or creative self-transformation. One needn't preclude the other, but good sex is tempting enough that it tends to.

Cancer: Wonderful things happening at work may be drawing your attention away from work that needs to be done at home. Perhaps a supportive roommate is being happily supportive of your ambitions, doing the drudgery and allowing you to shine elsewhere. What are the long-term consequences? And when's the last time you called your parents? Maybe it's better altogether if you don't, but if there's a call you've been putting off, this is the time to make it.

Leo: Your wise, wonderful and generous philosphy of life will get a severe challenge that needn't undermine the principles of your faith, but it should open you up to ask questions heretofore neglected. Your sense of humor and a playful approach to spiritual issues will come in handy. It's important not to take anything too seriously, especially yourself.

Virgo: You seem bathed in a sexy pink-red light that draws lurid and delicious opportunities. Lubricious abandon makes a great vacation, but it can interfere with sensible domestic habits and economy. Private meditation can lift some of that energy from your second chakra to brilliant insight, but you needn't neglect your second chakra either. Allow yourself as much fun as is safe and appropriate.

Libra: You easily underestimate your charisma and force of personality this month. You may, in fact, be coming off kind of heavy and intimidating people. You and I both know you don't mean to, but you of all people should know how others can be. Easy does it. If prayer and meditation don't take the edge off, try music and poetry.

Scorpio: You would do well to get some help with your finances. You might hire a full scale professional bookkeeper, or just ask a friend for some advice. Either way reach out and get some outside opinions to clarify your confusion about

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Stella Sez:

And what would April be without our annual visit from Stella Dominatrix? Since the Harmonic Convergence, Stella attempted transchanneling, but only had a vision of Mister Rogers in drag as Connie Chung. Unsure whether that was indeed an example of transchanneling or just bad TV reception, she's retired to the zigzaggurat in the Mayan ruins at Tchuarlitchaplan and boasts that she fits right it. Her postcard reflects her years and years and years and years and years of study with the Swami Anananananananda ("All that in one post card?") and includes the following wisdom (sic):

"Beloved friends at *Coming Up!, Going Down!* or whatever you're fooling yourselves into this April...

"I tried writing a letter rather than a card, but after it kept coming back, I realized it was written on stationary retrograde.

"Anyway, it turns out that there are two groups of asteroids in orbits fixed in relation to Jupiter. The "Trojan Asteroids" are sixty degrees to one side of Jupiter and the "Greeks" are sixty degrees the other way. This means these asteroids — which are individually named for soldiers on either side of the Trojan War — are with Jupiter in constant sextile. (This is all true. I can't imagine why you accuse me of making it up.) Fortunately, it also means that the Greek asteroids are all trine the Trojans, so they are in safe sextiles.

"Hugs and quincunx from the land of the feathered serpent,

Stella Dominatrix

P.S. Yes, it does tickle. — S.D."

COMING UP! CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

APRIL 1988

COMPILED BY
MAXINE MORRIS

1 ■ FRIDAY

S/M Lesbian Support Group meeting—for info/location call 668-4622.
Parlez-Vous Francais? Soyez le bienvenu a nos reunions amicales qui ont lieu le premier vendredi de chaque mois (all levls of proficiency welcome.) La reunion du premier avril sera chez Patrick. Pour informations telephonez lui au 550-6438.
Teresa Chandler & Friends in Concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5-7. Women only. Info: 428-9684.
April Fool's Eve at Artemis: a night of wild comedy with Marga Gomez & Diane Amos. Sure to make you howl! 8 pm, $5. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.
Kitchen Scraps: an eve of Dance: Performance Arts with local choreographers Anah-K Coates & Julia T McCamy; plus bands *Elbows Akimbo* & *World Entertainment War*. 8:30 pm dances, 10 pm. $5. 440 Potrero Studio –4 (corner of 17th & Potrero), SF.
JA Deane & *Plateau* present a performance in "Repetica", a "rhythmic blend of ethnic musics & cultural idiosyncrasies glued together by a sense of humor & experiment." Tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm at The Lab, 1805 Divisadero St, SF. Tix: $6 gen'l, $4 stdnts, $3 srs.
Dance Performance with Kay Clark, Kathleen McClintock & Sara Wilbourne. New works & Bay Area firsts including "Meditations on Fog," "Memories," "Facing and Changes," "Dresden," and "The Window." Guest appearance by
Janlyn Dance Co. 8:30 pm tonight & tmw, $8. In Flight Studio, 333 Dolores St (at 16th), SF. Info/res: 531-5390.
April Fool's Night/Good Friday Party & Potluck: aFreedom Day Parade fundraiser for Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN). 9 pm-1 am, $7. Bring food or a drink item (a must). 48 Coventry Court (Mt Davidson area), SF. Info: 522-5553.

2 ■ SATURDAY

Lesbian & Gay Aging: class offered by SF State University's Gerontology/Applied Certificate Program. Taught by Monika Kehoe, PhD, author & scholar in lesbian & gay issues. 5-session course (each Sat in April) designed to familiarize students with the special problems of aging homosexuals & lesbians. Fee: $80. Info: 338-1684.
Never-Married Women in Japan: Regina Garrick looks at issues of autonomy, nurturance & independence for women ages 35-55. A look at the experience of women's aging in Japan. Spons by Niju Bashi, an independent forum for the interdisciplinary study of Japan. 2-5 pm. Western Addition Library, 1550 Scott St at Geary, SF. Info: Mary Larkin 826-4276 after 4 pm.
Barbary Coast Cloggers/Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser to benefit Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network. 6 pm, $5. Guerneville Vets Bldg, Guerneville. Appalachian style folk dancing, audience welcome to join in! Followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Stephanie Fieri in Concert—feminist country Western & fiddle. 7 pm, $3-5 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd –5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Gourmet Potluck in SF for gays & lesbians who enjoy cooking. Eat & socialize in a relaxed, smoke-free setting. 7 pm. RSVP: Nikos 775-6143 11 am-11 pm.
Phallic Fellowship at 746 Clementina St, SF; Apt 2. Eve of camaraderie in the best South of Market tradition. Sexy movies, refreshments & a midnight snack, too. Males 18+ welcome. Doors open 8 pm-1 am. Info: 621-1887.
Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse presents "Spring Singles: Women's Dance". 8 pm, $3-7 SL. 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Singer/songwriter Woody Simmons (originally from Iowa) reveals the secrets of Banjo Levitation at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $5-7 SL. Info: 821-0232.
Pt Lobos State Reserve Day Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 3 miles south of Carmel. View sea lions, Bird Island, the Monterey Cypresses. Bring lunch, drinks & binoculars. Easy walking. Meet 8:30 am under the Safeway sign at Church & Market, SF. Carpool donation. Info: Mike Morris 863-9987.
JA Deane and *Plateau* at The Lab—see 4/1.
Alameda Shoreline Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 17 to Kennedy St. Continue on Kennedy (merges briefly with 23rd Ave) turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda, continue to the end of Park St. Meet at the intersection of Park St & Shoreline Dr. 9:30 am. Flat 3-5 mile loop. Info: 939-3579, 261-3246.
Stop Gay Domestic Violence: volunteers needed—see 4/9.
The White Party — annual spring extravaganza at the Troc! Theme: "The Great Gatsby... an Opulent Affair. Party 10 pm till dawn with DJ Robbie Leslie; plus special effects, laser lights, etc. $20/gen'l, no Troc ID required for admission. White attire suggested. For info call the Eventsline: 495-0185.
Books & Bakeries: A North Beach Discovery Walk spons by North Beach Chamber of Commerce. Visit unique bookshops, famous bakeries & an illustrator's studio. Meet 11 am at Caffe Gaetano, 348 Columbus Ave, SF. $10. Reservations required, call 673-3228.

3 ■ SUNDAY

At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Sunday Afternoon Concert with Mary Gemini. 2 pm, $5. 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.
Reception/Opening for Carolyn Whitehorn ("Feminist Forge") Art Show at Mama Bears. Buffet reception, 3 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Afro-Cuban Music at El Rio with *Conjunto Cespedes*.4-8 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.
Large Black Lesbians Group: talk about our lives, not necessarily about weight — not a weight loss group. Do some light stretching & movement. For info call Jan 841-4888 or Sharon 531-9267.
Gay Parents & The Law: update on legal developments affecting gay parents in Calif. Attorney Dave Wharton is the speaker for tonight's program hosted by Bay Area Gay Fathers at their monthly potluck supper. 5-7 pm social hour, followed by 7-8:30 pm discussion & small group mtgs. Newcomers — fathers & friends — invited to attend. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers, SF. Info: 841-0306.
Ethel Rosenberg: Beyond the Myths. Ilene Philipson, PhD, discusses her forthcoming book, a psychosocial biography of Ethel Rosenberg—a woman convicted & executed for espionage in 1953, a woman whom some call a traitor & some call a martyr. Philipson shows how various social worlds—the Communist Party, NY's Lower East Side Jewish culture, the 1950s family, McCarthyism—all intersected with the unique psychology of this extraordinary & controversial woman. 7 pm-9 pm, free. Part of the "Psychology & the Social World" lecture series spons by New College of California's Graduate Psychology Program. Series features current research that attempts to integrate psychoanalytic theories with explorations of broader social/political issues. 50 Fell St (bet Van Ness & Market), SF. Info: 626-1694.
Rock at DNA Lounge with *Capture The Flag* and *She-Devils*. 8 pm, free. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-2532.
Easter in Space: an Art Performance & Happening at Vulkan Spacestation, 2189 Market St (at 15th), SF. 9 pm. Tix SL from $4. Info: 431-3144.
Mt Davidson Easter Run with SF Frontrunners: Meet 10 am at Isola Way & Rockdale Dr for a 1.35 mile run to the top of Mt Davidson (don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!). Info: Jim 922-1435 or Margaret 821-3719.
Electric City, lesbian/gay TV show features SF Mayor Art Agnos; Supervisor Harry Britt & atty Matt Coles on domestic partners legislation; Cable Car Awards show; Ernestine & the Ego Reduction Ctr, plus the usual cast of crazies. 10 pm on Oakland Cable 35. Show repeats on PCTV Cable Network on 4/6 & 20 at 9:30 pm. Info: 861-7131.
Bay Area Women at the Helm: a lesbian boating club, invites women boat owners & others interested in chartering boats on the Bay to a brunch at the Java House in South Beach Harbor (next to Pier 40), at 10:30 am. For more info call 861-4116.
7th Annual Easter Lily Event: annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 2 pm, the Parade & Bonnet Judging are scheduled for 3. Refreshments served by high-speed handlers throughout the festivities. Square dancing entertainment provided by Western Star Dancers. Lily Street will be closed off from Laguna to Buchannan, and you're strongly advised to wear a bonnet & sensible shoes. Info: Carl Heimann 863-4851.

4 ■ MONDAY

Help Battered Women Help Themselves: WOMAN, Inc offers 24-hr crisis line, counseling services, legal clinics, walk-in center, lesbian services, info & referrals. Volunteers needed to keep these services available. Training provided. Call Jeanie 864-4777 for info. Women with daytime hours especially needed.
Misha Berson, *Bay Guardian* theatre critic & journalist, presents guests artists to her "Art & Artists" class at SF State University. Public welcome. 4-6 pm, free. Tonight's program: lecture/demo with Christine Tamblyn, video artist & critic. Info: 338-2881.
6th Annual La Pena Liberation Seder: seating limited, tix by advance sale only—call 849-2572 for info. 6 pm, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention) meet at 7:15 pm for a discussion of recent protests. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-9087, 346-0647.
A Tribute to Robert Duncan: a gathering in memory of the late SF poet. Film & video of Duncan, plus brief statements by his friends & fellow writers, including James Broughton, Larry Eigner, Robert Gluck, Susan Griffin, Lou Harrison, David Henderson, Joyce Jenkins, Ronald Johnson, Carolyn Kizer, Paul Mariah, Mary Oppen, Michael Palmer, Tom Parkinson, Robert Pinsky, Ron Silliman & Phillip Whalen. 7:30 pm, $5. Ft Mason Ctr Conference Hall, Bldg A, SF. Info: 532-3737.
Improv Dance: dancer/choreographer Steve Paxton joins harpsichordist Laurette Goldberg for an eve of dance improv at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin), Berkeley. Pieces set to Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 528-1685.
Open Screen Film & Video Showcase at Firehouse 7, 3160 16th St, SF. 9:30 pm, free. Info: 621-1617.
Group—Sex Photo Show: submissions sought by SF photographers Mark I Chester & Michael Rosen on the subject of sex, sexuality & eros; for group show during Gay Pride Month, 6/88. Focus on the topic of sex, sexuality & eros as seen thru the eyes of fine art, erotica or pornography. Open to all persuasions, even the most outrageous work is welcome. $10 entry fee, you may submit up to 5 photos. For info/details: send SASE to Mark I Chester, POB 42501, SF 94101 or call 621-6294.

5 ■ TUESDAY

Building a Women's Community: 8-wk support group for lesbians. Topics include: aging, sexuality, friendship, cultural differences, community formation, etc. Older lesbians & lesbians of color encouraged to attend. Led by Midgett, author, teacher & counselor. 6:30-8:30 pm thru 5/10. Every Tuesdays, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Spons by the Women's Bldg & United Way. Info: 431-1180.
Metaphysical Alliance meets 6:45 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Share AIDS-related info, prayer for healing, group sharing, closing healing circle. Tonight's speaker: Swami Divyananda of the Integral Yoga Institute. Info: 431-8708. SIGN available upon advance request.
Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm, DeFrank Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Tonight's program: food & games—bring a favorite dessert or appetizer, join in the games & zaniness. Info: (408) 293-4525. Newcomers welcome.
17th & 18th Century Dance for 20th Century Feet: class led by Carol Teten of Century Feet. Learn the pavan, galliard, menuet, polonaise & more. Both beginners & experienced dancers welcome. 10 wks, Tues eves, 7:30 pm, $100 gen'l, $90 stdnts & srs. Adv res suggested. The MusicSource, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin), Berkeley. Info: 528-168 5.
976-DIVA—an Outrageous Music & Comedy Benefit for the Shanti Project. Directed by Joseph Taro. Lots of singers, comics, choruses & bands. Performers include: Dan Fludd, Cynthia Bythell, Danny Williams, Darlene Popovic, Tom Anderson, Stacey Shulman, Steve Frivoli, Tatiana, Kami Herron, Cindy Herron, cast of Kander & Ebb Revue, Sandy Van, Dell Madill, Mercy Oria, Menage, and Deena Jones. Choruses/Bands: Scott Johnson, The Flute Exchange, Richard McHenry, Bettie Blount, Nancy Bradshaw, Erin-Kate Whitcomb, Hector Avian, Solomon Rose, Hurrican Sam, Samm Gray, Caylia Chaiken, Lauren Mayer, cast members of It's Fascination, and the Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band. Fun starts at 7:30 pm, be there! $6.50 donation. Cafe San Marcos, 2267 Market St (off Castro), SF. Info: 861-3846.
BWMT AIDS Awareness Mtg: 7:30 pm, 3135 Courtland, Oak. Info: 261-7922.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Outing Committee Mtg: Have some ideas about day walks, dog hikes, bike runs, architectural tours, nature spots? Come share 'em! Find a co-leader & your hike becomes



Portraits of Lesbians from Gay Day 1987, a photo exhibit by Happy/LA Hyder. See Galleries for datails.



Lisa Lu, April Hong and Lucia Hwong in Arthur Dong's new film, *Lotus*. See 4/14 for info.



Lewis Jordan and Mark Izu of *Circle of Fire* perform at the Asian American Jazz Festival, see 4/22.

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Cabaret/Miss Jamie de Roy at the Plush Room, Hotel York, 940 Sutter St. SF. 8 pm. Info: 885-6800.

Singer/comedienne Jamie de Roy opens a 2-week engagement at the York Hotel's Plush Room. Tues-Thurs & Sun eves at 8 pm, $10. Fri & Sat eves at 8 pm & 10:30 pm, $12.50. Thru 4/17. Info/res: 885-6800.

Brazilian Samba from Rio and the countryside wtih *Samba Pagode* at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. Also videos of Carnaval in Rio. 9 pm-midnight, free! Every Tues in April. Info: 282-3325.

6 ■ WEDNESDAY

Gender, Language & Power: SF State's lecture series continues with feminist theorist & science historian Donna Haraway speaking on "Cyborg's Sibs: Colonial Discourse, Feminst Theory & Strategic Languages of Science/Fiction." Haraway, trained in biology, philosophy, literature & the history of science, brilliantly fuses feminist, post-modernist & scientific thought to change the contours of contemporary discourse on both science and women. 3 pm, free. Seating limited, first-come, first-served. Science 201, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-1388, 338-1389. See 4/7 for addt'l wkshop led by Haraway.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Celebration Committee meets 6:30 pm at the Parade Office, 1519 Mission St (at 11th), SF. Info: 864-FREE.

CHRICA Benefit: Guatemalan & El Salvadoran health workers speak on health & human rights in Central America. Guatemalan textiles for sale, refreshments available. Proceeds benefit the Committee for Health Rights in Central America. 7 pm, $3-5 SL. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-7760.

Heart Treks Part I: Canyon Sam presents slideshow narrative of her year-long journey thru Central Asia. 7 pm, $4. Women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegrah Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-9684.

"The Gaia Conciousness" 5-day conference (4/6-10; Wed 7-10 pm, Thurs & Fri 1:30-5 pm, Sat & Sun 9 am-5 pm) & celebration of Gaia, the re-emergent Earth Goddess. Explore the convergence of spirituality & science in a unitary vision symbolized by the notion of the whole earth as a living organism. Holistic vision of Nature as the Great Mother Goddess. Spons by Calif Institute for Integral Studies. Costs vary for different panels, process groups & wkshops. Call 753-6100 for info/res.

Animal-Assisted Therapy Course: offered by SF SPCA. The AAT program brings animals to autistic kids, frail elders, psychiatric patients,people who are dying & others. This course is designed for people interested in the relationship bet humans & animals, on a personal or a professional level. Learn the history & philosophy behind AAT, how to integrate AAT into a variety of settings, observe field programs, understand the impact of AAT on animals, meet animals involved in AAT programs. Led by Christine Shaheen, MA. 3 consecutive Wed, 4/6-20, 7-9 pm, $50. For info/res: 554-3000.

Mind Over Media: *Essays on Film & Television.* Bookparty for KPFA critic Jennifer Stone's new book of essays. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

SF Hiking Club Gen'l Mtg: 7:30 pm, Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th (next to Cala Market), SF. Get info on the upcoming Nevada trip.

Anne Wilson Schaef, author of *Women's Reality, Co-dependence,* and *When Society Becomes An Addict,* speaks about her new book (with Diane Fassel), *The Addictive Organization,* which identifies addictive systems in organizations & options for dealing with them. 8 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698. Free.

Comedy Showcase at El Rio, hosted by Josh Kornbuth. 8-10 pm, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Polish Language Classes spons by FOG (Fraternal Order of Gays). Wednesdays at 8 pm. For beginners—taught by a native of Poland. Info/res: 641-0999.

The Blazing Redheads Record Release Party! A night of raucous, exploding, hot latin jazz at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $5 gen'l. Tix at BASS. Info: 885-0750.

Reggae Dance Party at the Kennel Club with *Mutabaruka and The Sounds of Resistance.* 9 pm, $14 & $15. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 931-1914.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV airs on PCTV Cable—see 4/3 for program details.

Phobias: What Are You Afraid Of? — talk by Michael Legut, therapist specializing in treatment of phobia & anxiety disorders. Learn about these disorders & coping strategies for dealing with them. Noon-1 pm, free. Conlan Hall, Room 101, City College of SF. Info: 239-3580.

7 ■ THURSDAY

"Gaia Consciousness" Conference: see 4/6.

Church of the Secret Gospel Service at 2 pm, followed by Carnal Communion till 6. Males 18+ welcome. $2 donation, refreshments served. Info/location: 552-7339.

South America in Film & Video Series at Misson Branch Public Library, 3359 24th St, SF. 7 pm, free. Tonight's program features films on Colombia & Venezuela.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7 pm at the Old Firehouse, Stanford University campus. Tonight's topic: "So Your Best Dyke Separatist Friend Went Straight—And You're Left With Your Feelings." All women welcome. Info: Marilyn 969-1260 or Wanda 325-7616.

Women & Spirituality: Deepening the Search. Women's Group to support our unique spiritual journey, heal old wounds, give voice to the Goddess within. Runs 8 wks, 7-9 pm. $10-20, negotiable. Led by Nelly Kaufer. Oakl location. Info/reg: 536-3922.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Frances Fuchs speaks about "Steps on a Healthy Lesbian Relationship". 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Ecstatic Sex, Healthy Sex: seminar with Joseph Kramer. Focus on healing ourselves & healing others with erotic energy. Info & techniques come from Tantric & Taoist traditions & from the work of Wilhelm Reich. No sex or nudity, but plenty of creative pleasurable homework assignments. Two eves: 4/7&8, 7:30-10:30 pm, $45. Info/res: Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527A Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 653-1594.

available in SF State University Library Reserve Room (under "Haraway"). To sign-up for workshop, call 338-1388 or 338-1389. Spons by SF State's Women Studies Program.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) Contra Costa County chapter monthly mtg: 7:30 pm. Mt Diablo MCC, 2253 Concord Blvd. Concord. Info: Rob 864-4099.

Old Wives Tales Community Support Mtg: come help the women of Old Wives Tales Bookstore expand & inhabit their new space. They'll supply the refreshments—bring your enthusiasm & ideas for fundraising. Everyone welcome! Come join in—you're needed! Info: 821-4676.

BWMT Rap: Topic—"Black Contributions to Culture." 7:30 pm, 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: Black & White Men Together 931-BWMT.

AIDS Action Pledge meets 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the epidemic & the injustices around it. Join us! ***Collective Vision***, the band of the 1986 Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament, bring their unique blend of folk-rock & reggae to La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3015 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $6.

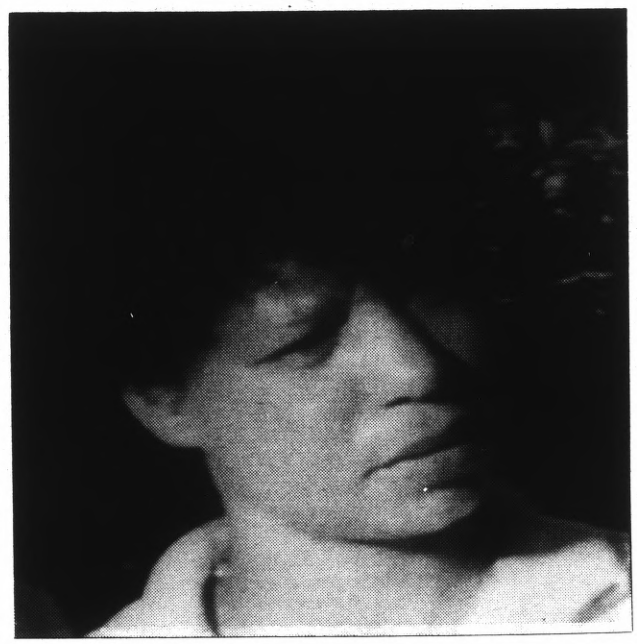
Poet/essayist Judy Grahn gives a lively & eloquent exploration of myth at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. 8 pm, free. Info: 486-0698.

Dealing With Stress by Natural Means: a talk by chiropractors Drs Michael Joseph & Anna Harvey at Health is Life Natural Care Ctr, 150 Gate 5 Rd, Ste 104, Sausalito. 8 pm, $15. Info/res: 331-LIFE.

8 ■ FRIDAY

"Gaia Consciousness" Conference: see 4/6.

Drug Therapies Update: wkshop part of AIDS Project of the East Bay's "Second Friday Series" for people who test HIV positive or are concerned/at risk for AIDS. Wkshop presented by Joe



Frameline Presents "Women In Love. Bonding Strategies of Black Lesbians". Video features 6 Black lesbians discussing their lives, families & lovers. A big hit at last year's SF Lesbian/Gay film fest. video conveys the women's strength & capacity to love in the face of racism, sexism & homophobia. Documents the difficulties & joys experienced by lesbians of color. 8 pm, SF Viacom Cable Channel 25. Info: 861-5245.

Cabaret with Marilyn Volpe: a fine eve of American standards at Kimball's, 300 Grove St, SF. 8:30 pm, $8. For adv tix/info call BASS or Kimball's 861-5555.

Countdown to Buddha's Birthday at DNA Lounge: celebrate with Sapporo beer, sushi, $1 sake shots, Tsing Tao beer & some incense. Plus powerful music with *Ogie Yocha*'s blend of Asian & Western sounds—500-yr-old Asian folk songs, rock, reggae, & eerie traditional gongs. Buddhist priest Yamato opens the show with a prayer & taiko drums (& repeats at midnight) to hail in Buddha's new year. Shaved heads optional. Doors open 9 pm, show starts at 10. $3. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-2532.

Donna Haraway, UC Professor in the History of Consciousness, conducts a workshop today from 10 am-noon (see 4/6 listing for more info on her work). Wkshop participants are expected to have read her essay, "A Manifesto for Cyborgs: Science, Technology, & Socialist Feminism in the 1980s", Brewer, MA, of Project Inform. 7-10 pm, free. Alta Bates Hospital Auditorium, 3001 Colby (1 block east of Telegraph at Ashby), Berkeley.

Girth & Mirth Club Business Mtg: 7:30 pm, 3744 16th St, -3, SF. Info: 552-1143.

BWMT Rap Eastbay: topic—"Art of Seduction". 7:30 pm, 3135 Courtland. Oakl. Info: 261-7922.

Comedy, Music & Laughter at La Pena with Over Our Heads & *The Spoolie Sisters.* 8 pm, $5-7.

SFWAR Benefit Dance: SF Women Against Rape hold a benefit dance for women & men. 8 pm-midnight. $5. Extremely danceable "Japanese reggae" music by *Ogie Yocha.* New College of California, 50 Fell St, SF. Info: SFWAR 861-2024.

Anne English at Artemis: everything from classic standards to swing to women-oriented originals. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

At ATA (Artists Television Access): *The Return of Frank Moore, Shaman.* 8 pm, $4. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Hypnosis as a Healing Tool: lecture spons by FOG (Fraternal Order of Gays). Explore the dynamics of hypnotherapy, learn how it can unlock the healing power of your own mind. Discuss creative ways to enhance your own well-being. Experience group hypnotic induction (only for those who want to par-

ticipate). Led by Van R Ault, certified hypnotherapist. 8 pm, $10 at FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr, SF. Info: 641-0999.

BAWN Benefit at Mama Bears with Monica Grant, Teresa Chandler, Melanie Monsor, Eternity Chapman, Gretchen Koch, Ann McDonald, Anne English, Robin Flower & Nancy Vogl. 8 pm, $7-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Keith Terry, "The Maestro of Body Music", performs in concert as part of UCSF Art & Lectures' Musical Panoramas series. Engaging program of rhythm dance, live music & vaudeville. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. UCSF Laurel Heights Auditorium, 3333 California St (at Walnut, nr Presidio), SF. Info: 476-2035.

Church of the Secret Gospel mtg: service at 8 pm, followed by Friday Nite Social—9 pm-midnight. Males 18+ welcome. Refreshments served. Info/location: 552-7339.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Hunter Davis, singer/songwriter. 8:30 pm, $5-8 SL. 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

SF Jazz Dance Co & Schaballo in a concert of jazz & modern dance at Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. 8:30 pm, $9 adv, $10 at door. Tix at STBS, BASS & Wherehouse Record Stores. Info/res: 898-4113.

Afro-Pop Dance Party at the Kennel Club with *The Bhundu Boys* from Zimbabwe. 9 pm, $12 & $13. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 931-1914.

RKL* & *Osgood Slaughter at Firehouse 7, 3160 16th St, SF. 10 pm, $4. Info: 621-1617.

Legal Clinic for Gay & Lesbian Seniors: spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and Legal Assistance to the Elderly (LAE). Meet with an attorney to discuss your legal problems. 10 am-noon, by appointment only. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: GLOE 626-7000.

Victims of Lesbian Violence: Support & Self-Empowerment Seminar. Today's the deadline for registration—see 4/16 for details.

I Never Told Anyone: Wkshop for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse. Early pre-reg strongly suggested. See 4/29 for details. Led by Ellen Bass & Amy Pine.

9 ■ SATURDAY

Concert Booking Basics for Women: an IMA (Institute for the Musical Arts) Wkshop, led by Tam Martin & Sandra Washington. 1-5 pm, $15. Work-study positions available. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: write IMA, 2021 E 24th St, Oakl, or call 261-0224.

Free Conflict Resolution Training with Community Boards, SF's award-winning neighborhood dispute resolution program. Training starts today. For info: Rita Adrian 239-6100.

Potluck Awards Dinner with FOG (Fraternal Order of Gays). An eve of good food & friends—bring your favorite dish and make some new friends! Info/location: FOG 641-0999.

At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Sarah Phoenix, booking agent for Olivia Records, conducts a workshop on "Contracts, Booking & Business for the Musician." 7 pm, $7. 19376 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Gourmet Vegetarian Potluck in SF for gays & lesbians who enjoy cooking. Share a vegi dish & socialize. Relaxed, smoke-free setting. RSVP: Nikos 775-6143, 11 am-11 pm.

Gay Men's Relationship Mixer: Ready for a relationship with another man? Attend tonight's mixer—a comfortable way to meet other high quality men thru small group discussions, personal sharing. Social hour follows. Doors open at 7:15 pm, mixer starts at 7:30. $5. MCC-SF Social Hall, 150 Eureka St (3 blocks west of 18th & Castro), SF. Info: Partners Institute 343-8541.

Women's Dance: Clean & Sober Dance for Lesbians. Spons by Western Round-Up Living Sober 88 at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. 7:30-8:30 pm AA mtg. Dance 9 pm-1 am, $6-10 SL.

Benefit for Nicaraguan Information Ctr: the best in local music, theatre, poetry & vaudeville—Judi Friedman, Lester Jones, Will Sand Young, Alfonso Texidor, Jugglers for Peace & more at Left Coast Cabaret, New College. 50 Fell St, SF. 8 pm, $5. Info: 431-7980.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Marti Van der Voort in Concert. 8 pm, $3-7 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Jennifer Berezan in Concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5-7. Info: 428-9684.

Phallic Fellowship: an eve of camaraderie in the best South of Market tradition. See 4/9.

Empowering Women of Color: "Wake Up! Women of Color Taking the Lead!" 4th annual conference at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley. Panel discussions, workshops & readings focusing on women of color as community & political leaders. Participants include: Pat Norman, Chockie Cottier, Cherrie Moraga, Janice Mirikitani, Barbara Cameron, Teresa Cordova, Deeana Jang, Nilak Butler & others. 9 am-6 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts. WA. CC available. Info: 642-2175.

"Gaia Consciousness" Conference: celebration of Gaia, the re-emergent Mother Goddess. See 4/6.

Bernardo Bertolucci Wkend: today thru 4/10. Screenings & panel discussions of Bertolucci films, plus a rare personal appearance by the famed int'l film director. Spons by the Mill Valley Film Festival, plus the Psychoanalytic Institute Forum and the SF & Marin Psychoanalytic Institutes. Public welcome, tix $65. Program: 4/9—9 am reg; 9:30 screening of *The Spider's Stratagem* (1970), expanded from Borges' short story, plot involves a young man's visit to the town where his anti-Fascist father was assassination 30 years earlier. 11:15 am panel discussion. 2 pm screening of *The Conformist* (1970), a man's mission to assassinate his former professor involves political struggles & heterosexual & homosexual triangles. 4 pm panel discussion. 4/10—9:30 am panel discussion of *The Last Emperor*. 11 am discussion between Bernardo Bertolucci & Bertolucci scholar Jeff Kline, moderated by psychoanalyst Bruce Sklarew. 2pm screening of Marlon Brando's *Last Tango in Paris* followed by panel discussion at 4:30 pm. Info: Mill Valley Film Fest: 383-5256.

Lake Merritt Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet at the corner of 14th St & Oak, nr the Cameron Stanford House. 9:30 am. Flat 3 mile loop. Info: 939-3579, 261-3246.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Reserve Hike with SF Hiking Club. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Eastbay hikers call Jim Gordon 431-3854 eves, for an Eastbay time/location. $12.35/car includes mileage, bridge toll & parking. 5 mile moderate hike thru green, rolling, wildflower-covered hills. Visit the grave of Sarah Norton, the 19th century "good witch" of Contra Costa County. Bring lunch & water. Rain cancels.

Ogie Yocha: Korean/Japanese rock, reggae & traditional music at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $5. Info: 849-2572.

Healing the Body Erotic: Level I. Wkend of erotic explorations, taught by Joseph Kramer. Learn a complete self-erotic massage. Also learn to give & receive a complete Taoist erotic massage. Hands-on class, done nude. Today & tmw, 10 am-5 pm, $125. For res/info: Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527A Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 653-1594.

What About My Needs? A wkshop for lesbians. Being the partner of someone healing from incest/childhood sexual abuse can be confusing, frustrating & painful. Share/explore what it's like, learn ways to take care of yourself. Led by Miriam Smolover, MFCC. 10 am-5 pm. $55. Info/res: 428-1512.

1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon IV: 25 mile training ride for the 1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon. Start from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Panhandle, SF. 10 am. Leisurely, fun ride. Meet new friends, rehearse the upcoming AIDS Bike-A-Thon (5/14). Also on 4/17, 23. For more info call 771-0677.

Stop Gay Domestic Violence: MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) needs volunteers to publicize their services to gay & bisexual men who batter, to make presentations to community groups about the issue & to counsel gay & bisexual men who batter their partners & friends. 24-hr training begins today. Info/res: David Lee 626-6683, 549-9008.

Arts, Artists & Antiques: A Walking Tour in North Beach. Part of a series of "discovery walking tours" spons by the North Beach Chamber of Commerce. Includes intro to the North Beach Museum & art galleries, plus a variety of antique & specialty shops. Refueling stops made at 2 North Beach cafes, both featuring work by local artists. Meet 11 am at Les Delices, 1402 Grant Ave (bet Green & Union), SF. $10 fee, reservations absolutely necessary, call 673-3228 to reserve. Tour length: 2 1/2 hours (approx).

10 ■ SUNDAY

Women: Experience the Power of Your Passion. Learn to use your breath to release fears, realize dreams, create you life as you want it. Certified breathing coaches guide you thru a process to release emotions, thoughts & beliefs which may be blocking expression of your GoddesSelf. 2-5 pm, $20. Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market St at Sanchez, SF. Bring blanket or sleeping bag. Info: 861-8299, 621-5683. Program repeats on 4/24.

The Goddess & Women's Mysteries: first in a series for Women—a monthly ritual & exploration of the Goddess & women's mysteries. 6 months, $20/mo. Info: Francesca Dubie, initiated shaman 771-9965.

Community Healing Service spons by AIDS Interfaith Network of the East Bay. 3 pm at Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th Ave (at Park Blvd), Oakl. Everyone, including persons with AIDS, ARC & their caregivers, welcome. Interdenominational service. Info: Lake Merritt Church 482-3937.

Cheryl Crane, author of *Detour*, daugher of Lana Turner, signs copies of her book at ClaireLight Women's Books, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. 3-5 pm, free. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Large Black Lesbians Group — see 4/3. ***Chrysanthemum Ragtime Band*** at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. 4-6 pm, $5. Concert & dance, includes ragtime dance instruction.

Salsa at El Rio with *Grup Sinigual*. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day General Membership Mtg: 5 pm at the Parade Office, 1519 Mission St (at 11th), SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Sunday Cabaret at The Galleon: 5 pm, Cynthia Bythell with Joseph John Shades; $5. At 8 pm: Solomon Rose with Samm Gray; $6. 718 14th St at Church, SF. Info: 431-0253.

Choosing Life in Relationships: sermon & discussion service at St John's Episcopal Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Spons by Integrity. 5:30 pm, talk follows. Non-sexist service. Info: Deborah Frangquist 648-4026 eves.

Healing Celebration & Fundraising Party: spons by Doug Yagaloff, publisher of *Healing AIDS Newsletter* and the Coalition of AIDS Healing Groups (AIDS Healing Alliance, Metaphysical Alliance, *Healing AIDS Newsletter* and SF Macrobiotic Network). Entertainment, comedy, music, alternative & holistic resources table, refreshments, friends & fun!. 6:30-9:30 pm, $5-50 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Green Room, War Memorial Bldg, 2nd floor, Van Ness Ave (beside the Opera House), SF. Info: Doug 821-7646.

Incest Battered Women's Healing Arts Action Circle for lesbian survivors of childhood battery & incest. Help each other share & video our expressive arts therapies. Bring brief "show & tell" and wholesome snack. 7 pm. Info: 824-7307.

Living Well with AIDS/ARC/HIV is the topic of tonight's Living Well Support Focus Group for gay & bisexual men; spons by San Mateo County AIDS Project. 7-9 pm at ELLIPSE, 2121 S El Camino, Ste 505, San Mateo. Info: Jonathan 573-2587.

Crossing Vistas: Improvisations, Compositions & Classics. Program presented by improv music duo, *Crossing Vistas* (cellist Gwendolyn Marie, keyboardist John Toenjes). 7:30 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts & srs. Community Music Ctr Auditorium, 544 Capp St, SF.

A Stroll Through Time: singer/dancer Diana Leland in a 90-min one-woman show of US history thru its popular music. From the Victorian Age thru Rock 'n Roll. 7:30 pm, $5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.

Geology Beach Walk II: Marin Headlands-Bonita Cove Beach. SF Hiking Club trip. Meet 8:00 am, Golden Gate Transit bus stop, NE corner of 7th & Market, SF. Take GGT bus -10 (leaves 8:23 am). See ancient rock formations, bask on the beach. Hike approx 10 miles, cumulative altitude gain 1,900 fet. $1.85/person for bus, $3.50 for return ferry, .75 for MUNI. Bring lunch, liquids, towels, etc. Wear long pants (you'll go by some poison oak). Rain reschedules trip to 5/8.

Rock at DNA Lounge with *The Beatnigs* and *Big Wheel*. 8 pm, $2. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-2532.

Maggie Scarf, author of *Unfinished Business*, discusses her new work, *Intimate Partners*, and clear-eyed examination of intimate involvements. 8 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Tennessee Valley Trip with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 6 hilly miles in an isolated valley along the Oakwood Trail of Marin County's Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area. Rugged trail, wear boots or sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, liquids. Meet 9 am at Church & Market Safeway in SF to carpool. Free except for carpool donation. Info: Barak 648-5838.

Gaia Consciousness Conference: celebration of Gaia, the re-emergent Earth Goddess. See 4/6.

Bernardo Bertolucci Wkend at Mill Valley Film Festival—see 4/9.

Mojave Desert Camping/Nature Study Trip with Wilderness Women. It may be hot, cold or windy—long drives, no hot shows. If you're self-reliant & interested, call Martha 658-2196 for info. Women only.

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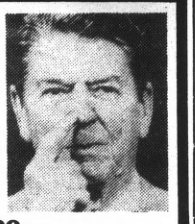
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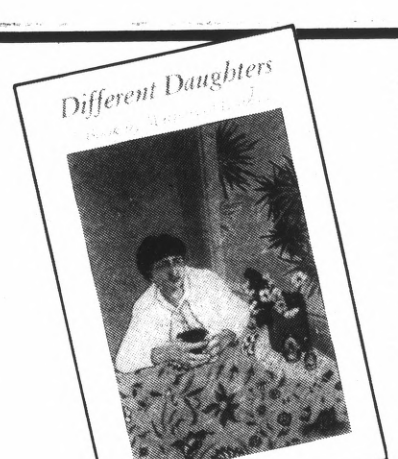
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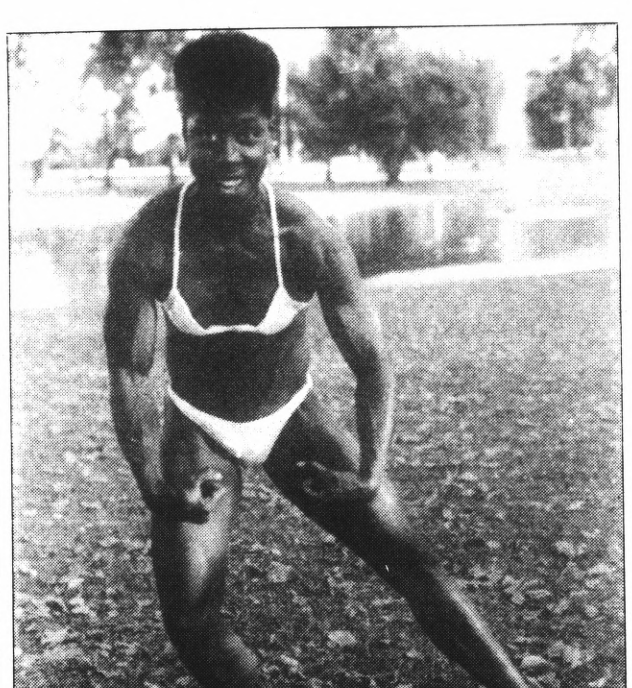


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Posing Class II spons by Arcadia Bodybuilding Society. Posing classes with Gay Games II Gold Medal winners from Sacramento. 6:30-8:30 pm, $5. City Athletic Club 2500 Market St (just above Castro), SF. Info: George Birimisa 431-6254.

Alta Plaza Loop Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 10 am at entrance of park at Clay & Pierce St, SF for up to 3.5 mile run up & around Alta Plaza & Lafayette Parks. Info: Jim 922-1435 or Margaret 821-3719.

Wilderness Women Easy Hike for Single & Looking Lesbians. Meet 10:30 am at Pantoll parking lot, Mt Tamalpais State Park. Look for "WW S&LL" sign (non-lookers should wear a sprig of poison oak, N/A label or other unambiguous indicator). Bring lunch & liquids. Possible dinner or pizza outing after hike. Info: Mary Ann 540-6746.

A Brunch for Women: Come to Sunday Brunch with Options for Women over 40. Good food & good company. 11 am-1 pm. $3. RSVP: 431-6405. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Men's Brunch for Older Gay Men (60+) & Friends, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-4 pm. St Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring food to share. Info: GLOE 626-7000.

11 MONDAY

Express Yourself! Gay/lesbian acting workshop starts today—call 541-5098 for info.

La Casa de las Madres offers support groups for women who are in abusive relationships, or have been in the past. Spanish or English groups available. If you've been abused you can get help & support—call 777-9696 for info.

Take Your Honey to the Oscars! Gaze upon the stars at Lyon-Martin's "Wilde Oscar Party". Fun starts at 6 pm tonight at the lovely Victorian Langtry Inn, 637 Steiner, SF. Movie prizes & elegant party fare provided. Black tie optional. Tix: $20-35. Fundraiser for Lyon-Martin Clinic. Info: 641-0220.

"Health Care Amidst Repression", a talk by Guatemalan & El Salvadoran health workers. Color slides. Guatemalan textiles for sale, music with Liche Fuentes. 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: CHRICA (Committee for Health Rights in Central America), 513 Valencia St, SF. Info: 431-7760.

Poets in the Schools Reading at Modern Times Bookstore with 2 California Poets in the School teachers, Tobey Kaplan & Tom Centolella, reading from their own work. 7:30 pm, donation. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Tax Reform Affects You! Program spons by SF Jewish Community Ctr. IRS rep outlines how the Tax Reform Act of 1987 affects individual tax computations. Question & answer period follows. 7:30 pm; $3. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Body Enlightenment: a lecture/demo by Betty Estelle, RN. Hands-on approach to help you relax & find balance; integrate mind, emotions & physical self. 7:30 pm, $7. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Marge Mount Pencil Studies—art opening & reception for the artist. Realistic images of shamanistic ceremonies in the Black Mesa region of the Southwest. 7:30 pm, 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Free. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Bay Area Theatresports Tournament with members of Faultline, Fratelli Bologna, Femprov, Riot Squad, Free Fall, Comedy Underground, plus many unsigned improv free-agents. 8 pm tonight & 4/18 & 25 at Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

12 TUESDAY

Building A Woman's Community: an 8-wk support group for lesbians. See 4/5.

Metaphysical Alliance meets 6:45 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF; to promote AIDS healing. Tonight's program: Pax Cheng speaks about Chinese medicine. Info: 431-8708. SIGN available by advanced request.

Socialist Feminism Lives! Come to Radical Women's gen'l mtg at Valencia hall, 523A Valencia St at 16th, SF. 6:45 pm home-cooked dinner ($4.50 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. Info: 864-1278.

Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm, DeFrank Community Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Small group Discussion Night. Info: (408) 293-4525, leave message.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Governing Committee Mtg: 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, Polk & Ellis, SF. Find out about the inner workings of GLS, help plan activities & policy. Open to all. Info: Steve Griffiths 776-2211.

Fiction Writers Open Reading at Modern Times Bookstore. Co-spons with the Nat'l Writers Union. Fiction writers of various forms, disciplines & levels welcome. Register to read at 7 pm, reading starts at 7:30. Free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Composers, Inc present their final concert of the season at the Green Room, Veteran's Bldg, Van Ness Ave, SF. Works by composers David Lang, Frank La Rocca, Martin Rokeach, William Shannon & Olly Wilson. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs.

The Stickers rock Larry Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $3.

13 WEDNESDAY

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Safety Committee meets 6:30 pm today & on 4/27 at the Parade Office, 1519 Mission St (at 11th), SF. Info: 864-FREE.

All About Credit & Bank Cards: a wkshop on how to establish & maintain a sound credit history, apply for & use any type of credit, solve credit card billing problems, maintain control over your creit history. Also covers credit card fraud, credit rights of women, seniors, & college students, debit vs credit cards & more. Learn how to use credit to improve the management & well-being of your personal finances. Led by Gregory DeVictor. 6:30-9 pm, $24. Ft Mason Bldg C, SF. Room 216. Info/res: 864-5733.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) Southbay chapter monthly mtg: 6:30 pm at Billy DeFrank Ctr, San Jose. Info: Ron (408) 737-0214 or Brian (408) 978-5751.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) East Bay chapter mtg: 6:30 pm, 6152 Dover St, Oakl. Info: Lisa 658-3421.

Comedy Showcase at Mama Bears with Karen Ripley, Marilyn Pitman & Janis Heiss. 7 pm, $4. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: reading by Suzanne Lipsett, author of *Out of Danger*. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

AIDS Action Pledge meets tonight in SF—see 4/7.

Lesbian/Gay Open Reading at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Bay Area's only regular open reading for budding Sapphos & Whitmans. Come out of your writing closet! Bare your soul or listen to our voices in a supportive atmosphere. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 282-9246.

Israeli Film Night at SF Jewish Community Ctr. See *The Fixer*—story of a Jew in czarist Russia who tries to pass as a Gentile to avoid persecution. Based on the acclaimed novel by Bernard Malmud, stars Alan Bates, Dirk Bogarde, directed by John Frankenheimer, screenplay by Dalton Trumbo. Followed by guest speaker & discussion. 7:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Comedy at El Rio with Tom Ammiano, Teresa Holcomb & Mark McMahon. Come laugh your night away! 8-10 pm, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Writer Susan Sontag & photographer Duane Michaels in an onstage conversation at SF's Herbst Theatre. Part of City Arts & Lectures' "On Art & Politics" series. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info: 552-3656.



Singer Barbara Cook opens tonight for a 3-wk stand at the City Cabaret, Mason at Geary, SF. For showtimes & tix info call 771-6900 or 392-SHOW.

Pregnant Women: learn how to maximize your energy during pregnancy & maximize your ability to have a softer birth: free talk by chiropractors Drs Michael Joseph & Anna Harvey of Health is Life Natural Care Ctr. 150 Gate 5 Rd, Ste 104, Sausalito. Info/res: 331-LIFE.

Anne Wilson Schaef leads workshop on "Confronting the Addictive Process: A Societal Approach to Co-Dependence & Recovery." 8:30 am-5 pm, $45 gen'l, $35 stdnts. At Red Lion Inn in Rohnert Park. For info/res: (707) 664-2391.

Reggae Dance Party at the Kennel Club with *Culture* and *ChinaAfrica*. 9 pm, $13 & $14. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 931-1914.

Daytimers (a daytime activities group for gay men) Marine World Vallejo Trip: meet 10 am at Ashby BART west parking lot to carpool to Vallejo or join up at the entrance to Marine World at approx 10:45 am. Phone in advance if you're going, so you won't get left behind (also call if you're going to drive your car & can offer rides) — 832-4368. Tix: $14.95.

14 THURSDAY

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 2 pm. See 4/7.

Older Gay Men's Friendship Group meets 2:45 pm in the Friendship Room, 711 Eddy St, SF. Discussion, outings planned. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Lotus: Bay Area premiere of a film on Chinese footbinding. *Lotus* is a gripping historical half-hour drama about a traditional foot-bound woman in 1914 China

who must decide whether she will bind her daughter's feet. Directed by Arthur Dong, who was nominated for an Academy award for his earlier work, *Sewing Woman*. Private champagne reception at 6:30 pm at the Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Followed by screening at 7:30 pm (includes showing of *Sewing Woman*) & reception/discussion with the filmmakers. Tix: $25 for screening, reception & discussion; $50 private champagne reception (includes preferred seating) & $100 Angel's Ticket which includes all of the above, plus personal video copy of *Lotus*. Evening hosted by KRON newsanchor Emerald Yeh and SF poet Janice Mirikitani. Info: Film Arts Foundation 552-8760.



June Millington 40th Birthday Bash: dance/concert at the Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. Come celebrate with June & Jean Millington, Carolyn Brandy, Mimi Fox, Debbie Lane & others. 9:30 pm, $5-10 SL. Benefit for IMA (Institute for the Musical Arts). Info: 261-0224.

Buck Naked & *The Bare Bottom Boys* in a benefit for *NM News* at Firehouse 7. 3160 16th St, SF. 9:30 pm, $4. Info: 621-1617.

South America in Film & Video series at Mission Branch Public Library, 3359 24th St, SF. 7 pm, free. Tonight's program on Chile & Uruguay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7 pm at the Old Firehouse, Stanford University campus. Tonight's topic: "Lesbian Heros." See 2 video shorts by Kay Weaver, *One Fine Day* & *Take the Power*. Discuss your favorite lesbian/nonlesbian woman hero. All women welcome. Info: Marilyn 969-1260 or Wanda 325-7616.

BWMT Gen'l Membership Mtg: 7:30 pm. Elections, by-law amendments. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: Black & White Men Together 931-BWMT.

A Taste of Lesbian Culture with Judy Freespirit & Ardy Tibby—lots of tasty tidbits in a performance especially for women at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 821-4676.

A Night of Incredibly Strange Films, Part III: evening of weird films at the York Theater, hosted by director Joe Sarno. Sarno has made approx 200 feature films. His work, though generally described as "sexploitation", reveals archetypal & moral dimensions not usually found in the genre. Program features 2 film screenings: At 7:30 pm, *Sin in the Suburbs*; followed by a talk & question/answer period with Joe Sarno at 9 pm; and screening of *Young Playthings* at 9:30. Tix: $6 adv, $7.50 at door. 2789 24th St, SF. Info: York Theater 282-0316.

The Women's Movement: Is It Still Alive? Rochelle Gatlin takes up the past, present & future of the US Women's Movement at a bookparty for her new book, *American Women Since 1945*. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Haiti: Dreams of Democracy—video by Jonathan Demme & Jo Menell. 8 pm, $5. Kabuki Cinema, Post & Fillmore Sts, SF. Part of American Film Institute's Nat'l Video Festival. Info: 695-2904.

"Facade & Facade 2", program presented by the Noh Oratorio Society & Oxford University Press. Evening of classic "enertainments" with music by Sir William Walton & poems by Dame Edith Sitwell. Performance honors the visit to SF of Lady Walton, whose biography of her late husband, *William Walton: Behind the Facade*, will be published by Oxford University Press. Carol Dyk conducts the Noh Ladies Auxiliary Orchestra, with Judy Hubbell and Claude Duvall, speakers. 8 pm, $7. Hatley Martin Gallery, 41 Powell St, SF. Seating limited, call 863-3027 for reservations.

Visions of Nicaragua: Roger Burbach & Rebecca Gordon present their visions of Nicaragua, based on personal experiences and varying analytical sensibilties. 8 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

15 FRIDAY

Festival of Animation runs today thru 4/19 at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley and 4/22-29 at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon St, SF. Film fest features an int'l selection of 16 animated short films from Italy, Great Britain, Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Japan & the US, plus rarely seen animation from the Soviet Union. Tix at Wheeler are $5.50 adv (at BASS & ASUC Box Office), $6 at door. Tix at Palace of Fine Arts are $6 adv (BASS), $7 at door on 4/22-23, $6.50 at door rest of show. Info: Wheeler Auditorium 642-7511 or Palace of Fine ARts 567-6642.

BWMT Eastbay Social: potluck & games. Info/location: David 482-3347.

Margo Adair Wkshop on "Applied Meditation: Intuitive Problem Solving". Tonight & tmw, and 4/22-23. Wkshop "takes the hocus-pocus out of spirituality." Learn specific techniques for relaxation, stress reduction, burnout avoidance. Learn to recognize & transform defeatist thinking, tap intuitive knowledge, develop rapport with deeper consciousness to facilitate healing & health maintenance. Space limited, pre-reg required. Fee: 1/of participants monthly salary. New College of Calif, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: Jodi Sager 528-9433.

Hoot Night at Clicking Stones Bookstore: Open (non) mike: come jam or listen! 7:30 pm, free. 19376 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Huckleberry Jam: woman's bluegrass band at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

Salut Les Lesbiennes Francophones! Mais non vous n'etes pas la seule lesbienne francophone a San Francisco. Si vous parlez francais, soyez la bienvenue a notre reunion mensuelle. Pour plus de renseignments, appelez le 864-3291.

"A Touch of Classics" Concert with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. Works by Faure & Mozart. 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. St John the Evangelist Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Program repeats tmw at Trinity Chapel, 2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: 621-3088.

Friday Game Fest with FOG (Fraternal Order of Gays). Play Monopoly, Scrabble, Risk, Trivial Pursuit & more. Great way to meet good people. Refreshments & snacks served. 8 pm at FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr, SF. Info: 641-0999.

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 8 pm; followed by Friday Night Social. See 4/7.

"The Children of Nicaragua," a lecture by Dr Luz Maria Sequeria, chairperson of psychology training at the University of Central America in Managua, Nicaragua. Talk on the psychological effects upon children of low intensity warfare & economic privation. Also comparison between mental health interventions in Nicaragua & the US. 8 pm, 777 Valencia St, SF. Refreshments served. Spons by the Graduate Psychology Program of New College of California. Info: 626-1694.

Monica Grant & Teresa Chandler at Artemis Cafe: fine music & vocals plus lots of wild humor! 8 pm, $5. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

Dance Connection '88: 2-eve performance series (tonight & tmw) with professional Bay Area dance companies. Tonight's line-up: Nancy Bryan & Dancers, Lines Dance Co, Theatre Flamenco of SF, Debra Slater & special guest artist. 8 pm, $10 gen'l. $7 stdnts & srs. McKenna Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2467.

Moving Toward Myth: poetry readings by Robert Bly at the Unitarian Ctr, Franklin & Geary Sts, SF. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info: CG Jung Institute 771-8080.

See *Safe Sex Slut;* *Pope Don't Preach (I'm Terminating My Pregnancy); Just Say "No" to Mandatory HIV Testing* and other videos by Carol Leigh aka Scarlot Harlot. 8:30 pm, $3 at ATA (Artists Television Access), 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Ballroom & Latin Dance Party & practice session for lesbians & gay men. Dance/learn the foxtrot, rumba, waltz, cha cha, swing, salsa-mambo, Argentine tango, samba, polkas, merengue & disco-hustle. Both singles & couples accomodated. Everyone welcome. 9-11 pm, Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF (across from the Coca Cola Bldg). $5 includes wine. Info: 995-4962.

Congo Phil at Firehouse 7, 3160 16th St, SF. 10 pm, $4. Info: 621-1617.

16 SATURDAY

Birthways Wkshop: "Vaginal Birth after Cesarean Experience" provides info on the VBAC experience with emphasis on its safety in combination with prenatal care & education. Video of a VBAC at home shown. Led by Lorraine McCord of the Cesarean Prevention Movement. 1-4 pm, Birthways, 3127 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-1446.

Lesbian Community Bar-B-Que to introduce NIA, a Black Lesbian Organizing Collective. Come meet us, find out about the gathering planned for fall of '88—and share some good food & fun in the park! For details call Sheila 534-5847 or Carol 584-4991.

Poland Lecture & Slide Presentation: spons by FOG. Slideshow/lecture on Poland's culture, history & gay life; plus get info on Fraternal Order of Gay's upcoming trip to Poland (scheduled for May). Also light buffet, plenty of good company. $10. Info: FOG 641-0999.

Festival of Animation continues at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley. See 4/15.

Lesbians at the Movies: monthly event for single women over 30. Come watch a film, meet someone new, have some fun. Bring your favorite snack to share. Eastbay & SF locations. For info/directions: 469-9497. See you there!

Gourmet Potluck for lesbians & gays: see 4/2.

"A Dozen Years of Mothertongue", SF Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society program commemorates the 12th anniversary of Mothertongue Feminist Theatre Collective. Includes excerpts from "Loving Women". 7:30 pm, $5. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 552-4929.

Phallic Fellowship in SF: eve of sexy movies & camaraderie. See 4/2.

BWMT Social Evening: 8-10 pm, $3. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Black & White Men Together 931-BWMT.

Dance Connection '88 continues at SF State Univ (see 4/15). Tonight's program features New Dance Co San Jose, Harambee Dance Ensemble, Nancy Karp & Dancers, Neva Russian Dance Ensemble & a special guest artist. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. McKenna Theatre, SF State, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2467.

"Sticteen & Other Fellow Mortals" — actor Lee Stetson in a Bay Area premiere of a work celebrating the 150th birthday of environmentalist John Muir. Tonight & tmw, 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door; $7 stdnts & srs. Tix at BASS. Info: 843-9016.

Judi Friedman at Artemis: from haunting to hilarious—a wonderful eve of the personal & the political with jazz-flavored folk & blues, vocal improv, poetry & one hell of voice! Don't miss! 8 pm, $5-7 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

KA-GU-LA: The New Winds of Tradition—a collaborative musical production held in conjuction with Japantown's Cherry Blossom Festival. Program: Michiko Akao, traditional bamboo flutist; Hiroshi Hori, contemporary puppeteer; & Midori Takada, percussionist; in an eve of traditional folk music, contemporary improv & more at Kabuki 8 Theatre in SF's Japantown. 8 pm, $10. Tix at Kinokuniya Bookstore (567-7625), Goshado Bookstore (921-0200) or Taiyodo Records (885-2818).

Comedy, Music & Lots of Laughs at Mama Bears with Over Our Heads. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Over Our Heads: improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larsen & Marian Damon. The best in dyke humor at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

"A Touch of Classics" Concert by the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. Berkeley location. See 4/15 for details.



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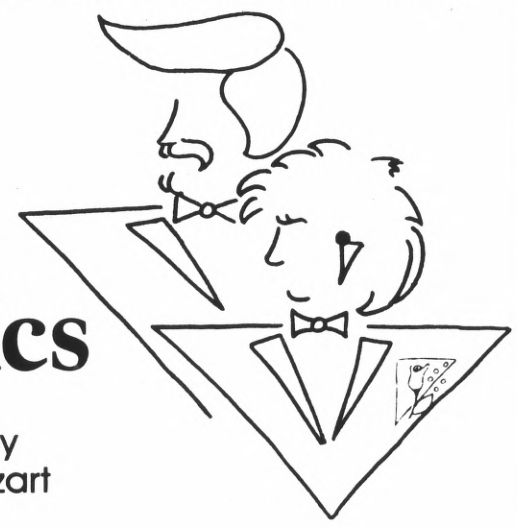
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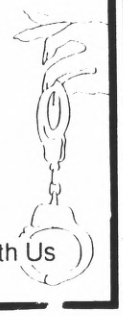
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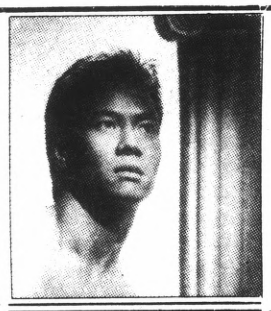
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Blues/R&B Dance Party at the Kennel Club with *Little Charlie & the Nightcats*. 9 pm, $11 & $12. 628 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 931-1914.

Women's Dance at Stanford: spons by the Women's Collective of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance at Stanford, the Graduate Women's Network & the Women's Ctr. 9 pm-12:30 am, $3. Old Union Ballroom, Stanford campus. Info: 723-1488.

Dance Party at Silvers, a new club for Women. 9 pm, $5. 4737 Geary (nr Park Presidio), SF. Be there!

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N Canyon Rd & continue uphill past the tennis courts, botanical garden and Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg, parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Mostly flat 3-4 mile loop. Info: 939-3579, 261-3246.

Hortiphiles: a group of gays & lesbians who enjoy plants; visit the SF Landscape Garden Show. For info call Geoff 325-7212 or Henrietta (408) 246-1117.

Poetry & Image: a wkshop in Mythical Thinking, led by Robert Bly. Learn how to ferret out the wisdom hidden in myths & fairytales; think mythically about problems of personal development. Bring your stories, dreams & questions. Today & tmw, 10 am-4 pm at Ft Mason Conference Ctr, SF. Adv registration recommended, call CG Jung Institute 771-8080 for details.

Victims of Lesbian Violence: Support & Self-Empowerment Seminar. Led by Anne Lizborne, MS, MFCC. Victims of violence often lack the support, self-esteem & assertiveness skills needed to break away/stay away from abusive relationships. Homophobia, denial, fear, dependency & genuine love for the batterer compound the situation. Come explore these issues, learn how to begin recovery in a safe way. 10 am-4 pm, $25. Berkeley location. Pre-group interview required. Registration deadline: 4/8. Info: 654-7907 or (707) 895-3770.

Healing the Body Erotic—Level II. Taught by Joseph Kramer. Learn advanced Taoist erotic massage in this wkend of erotic exploration. Focus on playing with yourself, playing with others. Must have completed level I (see 4/9). Today & tmw, 10 am-5 pm, $125. Info/res: Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527A Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 653-1594.

Sexuality Wkshop & Volunteer Training Course offered by SF Sex Information: 50-hr multi-media training course in Human Sexuality & Communication Skills. Includes films, discussion groups, communication exercises & speakers representing many areas of expertise & a wide variety of sexual lifestyles. Relaxed & supportive atmosphere in which to gain competence & confidence both personally & professionally. Reduced fee available to those who wish to volunteer on SFSI's info & referral telephone hotline. Info/res: SFSI 621-7300 3-9 pm wkdays.

Chefs & Churches: a North Beach Discovery Walk. Third in an ongoing series of walking tours spons by the North Beach Chamber of Commerce. Explore the historic churches of North Beach, take a side trip to a temple in Chinatown; then head for North Beach's renowned Columbus Restaurant, where owner May Ditano will demonstrate her "sulla griglia" culinary skills. You get to choose anything from the menu & watch May prepare your lunch as she discusses the fine art of Italian cooking. Meet 11:45 am on the steps of Sts Peter & Paul Church, 666 Filbert St, SF. Reservations are absolutely necessary, call 673-3228. $25 fee.

17 SUNDAY

East Bay Lesbians & Gays for Jackson Fundraiser: 2-7 pm at Cabel's Reef, 2272 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Entertainment provided, donations appreciated. Info: 486-0269, 532-4336.

Lesbians Living with Physical Disability & Chronic Illness: 2nd in a series of Lesbian Health Forums spons by the Lesbian Health Organizing Committee. 2-5 pm, $5 suggested donation. WA. CC. SIGN & EI (environmental illness) section available. Please do not wear scents or perfumes. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 626-7000 or 558-4901.

Making It Big House Party: for large & super size women. Eastbay location. Socialize & sample natural fiber clothing for big women. Free. Info/location: 233-3395 or (707) 795-2324. Program repeats in SF on 4/23. See listing for details.



Jazz at the DeYoung series features pianist George Cables highlighting selections from his new album, "By George: George Cables Plays the Music of George Gershwin". 2:30-4:30 pm, $9. DeYoung Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: 750-3624.

Jennifer Stone Booksigning & Reading: celebrate publication of her new book of feminist film reviews, *Mind Over Media*. 3-5 pm, free. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Cellist Laszlo Varga, *Trio Concertante* and *Crown Chamber Players* in Concert at SF State University's McKenna Theatre, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. 3 pm, free. Info: 338-2881.

New Orleans/Caribe/Afric rhythms at El Rio with *Cool Breeze*. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Large Black Lesbians Group, see 4/3 for details.

Lesbian Artists' Salon rneets for conversation, inspiration & connection. 4:30 pm potluck, 6:30 pm work showing & discussion. Info: 848-8557.

Sunday Cabaret at The Galleon with Joseph Magdalena. Two shows: 5 & 8 pm, $6. 718 14th St, SF. Info: 431-0253.

Festival of Animation continues at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium. See 4/15.

"Remembering to Rejoice" is the theme of today's Women's Focus Communion Service spons by Integrity. 5:30 pm service followed by soup supper & discussion. St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Info: Deborah Frangquist 648-4026 eves.

Drugs & Treatment Options is the topic at tonight's Living Well Support Focus Group for gay & bisexual men with AIDS/ARC/HIV in San Mateo County. Program presented by Project Inform; spons by San Mateo County AIDS Project. 7-10 pm at ELLIPSE, 2121 S El Camino, Ste 505, San Mateo. Info: Jonathan 573-2587.

Back to the Borscht Belt—a Night of Schtick at SF Jewish Community Ctr. All-star cast of the Bay Area's best stand-up comics. Refreshments served. 7-9:30 pm, $5. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"Healing Your Amuse System," a wkshop for activating humor in the treatment of AIDS & ARC. Presented by the SF School of ReMirthing. 7-9 pm, $10 (no one turned away for lack of funds) at Quan Yin Acupuncture Ctr, 513 Valencia St, SF. Led by LynnGrasberg, music therapist & performer; with comedy partner Lee Glickstein. Find out how laughter is a useful tool in recovery; use humor to help you take charge of your own health.

Ruth Barrett & Cyntia Smith: fretted dulcimer artists perform original & traditional songs, with a focus on women-identified mythology. 7:30 pm, $7. Plowshares, Ft Mason Bldg A, Marina & Laguna Sts, SF.

Rock at DNA Lounge with *Buck Naked & the Bare Bottom Boys; The Watchmen & Silver Threads*. 375 11th St, SF. 8 pm, $2. Info: 626-2532.

"Stickeen & Other Fellow Mortals", a celebration of the life of John Muir—see 4/16.

Fritjof Capra discusses his new book, *Uncommon Wisdom: Conversations with Remarkable People*. Reflections on Werner Heisenberg, RD Laing, Germaine Greer, Gregory Bateson & others. 8 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Go Birdwatching with SF Hiking Club: Grizzly Island Wildlife Management Area (in the marshes of Suisun Bay, contains over 10,000 acres of ponds, sloughs & channels, freshwater marsh, open fields, pastures, eucalyptus groves. Also Tule elk. Watch the owls come out at night). For details call Peter 668-8167.

Muir Beach Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Strenuous 7-8 mile hike from Tennessee Valley over Coyote Ridge to Green Gulch Farm, then lunch at Muir Beach. Meet 9 am at Church & Market Safeway in SF to carpool (donation requested) or at 9:45 am at the Tennessee Valley trailhead nr Mill Valley. Bring lunch & water. Free, except for carpool donation.

1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon Training Ride: get ready for the 5/14 bike-a-thon! See 4/9.

Mini Book Sale spons by Friends of the SF Public Library. 11 am-4 pm, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg F, SF. All books on sale for 4/$1 or 30 cents each. Proceeds help fund Library programs. Info: 558-3857.

Kidshows Performing Arts Series for Children: program of Spanish & English songs with Lichi Fuentes, Fernando Fena & Nancy Raven. 11 am & noon, $3.50. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-7234.

Sunset Lesbians! Social Gathering for lesbians who live in the Sunset District of SF. Want to know more lesbians living in the area? Meet us for coffee at the Owl & the Monkey Cafe, 1336 9th Ave, SF. 11:15 am. Wear pink.

Sunday's Women: Women's Spirituality Forum. Today's topic: Earth Mother Astrology. Marcia Starck discusses the origins of astrology in terms of natural cycles & earth rhythms. Examines planetary cycles as they relate to herbs, gems, food & minerals. 11:30 am-1:30 pm, $5-7 donation. Refreshments served. Older women especially welcome. Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd (corner of Thornhill), Oakl. Info: 444-7724.

18 MONDAY

Help Battered Women Help Themselves: join WOMAN, Inc. See 4/4 for info.

Festival of Animation continues at UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium. See 4/15.

Voices from the Border: benefit dinner & update on the current situation in the controlled zones of El Salvador. Video/talk presented by Jose Ramirez, Catholic layworker. Also slideshow on Colomoncagua. 6:30 pm, $8-10. For info/res: 533-4321.

"Organizational Nightmares" wkshop led by Howard Schecter, progto credit bureaus & creditors, given. Time allotted for individual consultations. Led by Gregory DeVictor. 6:30-9 pm, $24. Ft Mason Bldg E, SF. Room 285. Info/res: 864-5733.

Building A Women's Community: an 8-wk support group for lesbians. See 4/5.

Metaphysical Alliance meets 6:45 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Group promotes AIDS healing. Tonight's program led by Religious Science minister Rev Ron Saturno of San Mateo. Info: 431-8708.

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Critical Focus: author Paul Richards & photographer Harvey Wilson Richards present a slideshow/talk entitled "The Sixties They Want Us To Forget: Through the Eyes of a Radical Photographer". Talk complements month-long exhibit of HW Richards documentary photos of the Bay Area movements from the 50s to the early 70s. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Int'l Indian Treaty Council Benefit: for details call 863-7733. 7:30 pm, $3.
The Mission is Bitchin'—2-week festival celebration of the thriving arts & culture in SF's Mission District. Dazzling lineup of Mission District performers, musicians & dancers each night at 8 pm thru 4/29 at Intersection for the Arts, 776 Valencia St, SF. Performers include: Juan Pablo Guiterrez, Debora Iyall, John Woodall, John Lefan, *Elbows Akimbo, Flying Buttress, Hyena Cabaret, Artists Television Access, SF Mime Troupe, Contraband,* Rene Yanez, *Lunch Meat,* Yolanda Lopez, Rick Tejada Flores, Tom Ford, *Kill the Messenger* & Dude Theatre. For performance schedule & other info, call 626-2787.
Brazilian Samba from Rio with *Samba Pagode*. See 4/5.

19 TUESDAY

Festival of Animation at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley. See 4/15.
Options Open House for Women: Options for Women over 40 welcomes women to an open house at Options Ctr. Refreshments, good conversation. 5-7 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-6405.



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20 WEDNESDAY

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Celebration Committee meets—see 4/6 for details.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Healing the Child Within", a talk/slideshow/meditation with Kathryn Tessmer. For adult children of alcoholics. 7 pm. $3-5 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Poetry & Fiction Open Mike at Mama Bears: bring your poems, works-in-progrss. 7 pm, $2. Women only. Sign-up in advance, call 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
AIDS Action Pledge meets 7:30 pm at 150 Eureka St, SF. Plan direct action & civil disobedience to end the epidemic & the injustices around it. Join us! ***Taking On General Motors:*** *A Case Study of the UAW Campaign to Keep GM Van Nuys Open.* Bookparty for Eric Mann's new groundbreaking labor history book. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Formation Mtg for Russian River women who enjoy sports & outdoor recreation. Exhcnage ideas, plan events. 7:30 pm. Free. 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: Jules (707) 869-2018.
Author Ursula Le Guin appears as the final speaker in City Arts & Lectures "On Art & Politics" series at SF's Herbst Theatre. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info: 552-3656.
British Singer/Songwriter & Hellraiser Leon Rosselson in concert at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Find out what Maggie Thatcher's trying to hide. 8 pm, $8. Info: 849-2572.
Lots of Laughs at tonight's comedy show at El Rio with Cathy Sorbo, Bill Burnett & Gene Rasmussen. 8-10 pm. $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Visions of the Spirit, an intimate film portrait of Pulitzer prize-winning author Alice Walker, premieres tonight at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon St, SF. Inspiring, compassionate exploration of the insights & strengths of a remarkable woman. Film director Elena Featherston & Alice Walker will be present. 8 pm, $18-20 SL; for film & reception, $35 & $100. Proceeds benefit the SF Women's Bldg. Film also shows 4/21 at the York Theatre, SF; and 4/28 at Oakland Museum Theatre, Oakl. Tix/info: 431-1253.
Poet/Author Diane O'Hehir reads from her work at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. 8 pm, free. Info: 486-0698.
Leather & Lingerie Dance: a social event for leather & lingerie dykes, presented by The Rack Productions. 9 pm-2 am, $4 at Amelia's, 647 Valencia St, SF. Whip Drill Team performance and Erotic Strip Show begins at 10:30 pm.
Electric City gay/lesbian TV show airs on PCTV Cable, see 4/3 for program details.

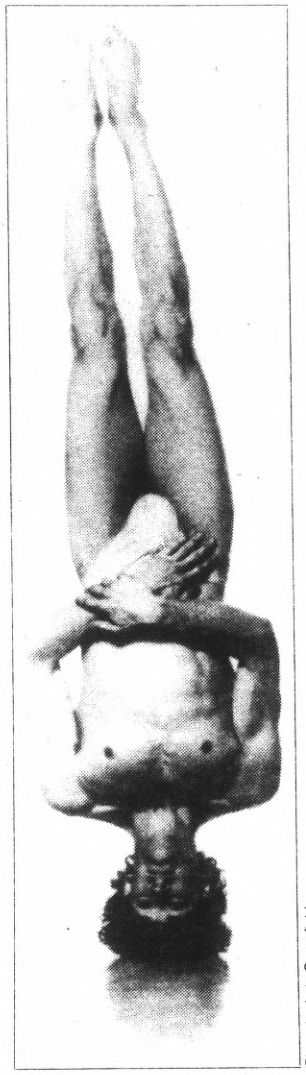


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21 THURSDAY

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 2 pm. See 4/7.
Visions of the Spirit: an intimate film portrait of author Alice Walker, screens at the York Theatre, 2789 24th St, SF. Kris Welch interviews director Elena Featherston after the screening. Tix $7-15 SL. See 4/20 for more info.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Women & Spiritual Power", a talk by Lorene Irizary. 7 pm, $3-8 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Author Alice McDermott reads from & discusses her novels, *A Bigamist's Daughter* and *That Night*. 7 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
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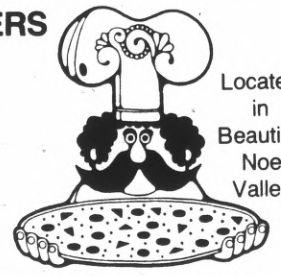


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21 THURSDAY

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 2 pm. See 4/7.
Visions of the Spirit: an intimate film portrait of author Alice Walker, screens at the York Theatre, 2789 24th St, SF. Kris Welch interviews director Elena Featherston after the screening. Tix $7-15 SL. See 4/20 for more info.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Women & Spiritual Power", a talk by Lorene Irizary. 7 pm, $3-8 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd -5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Author Alice McDermott reads from & discusses her novels, *A Bigamist's Daughter* and *That Night*. 7 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
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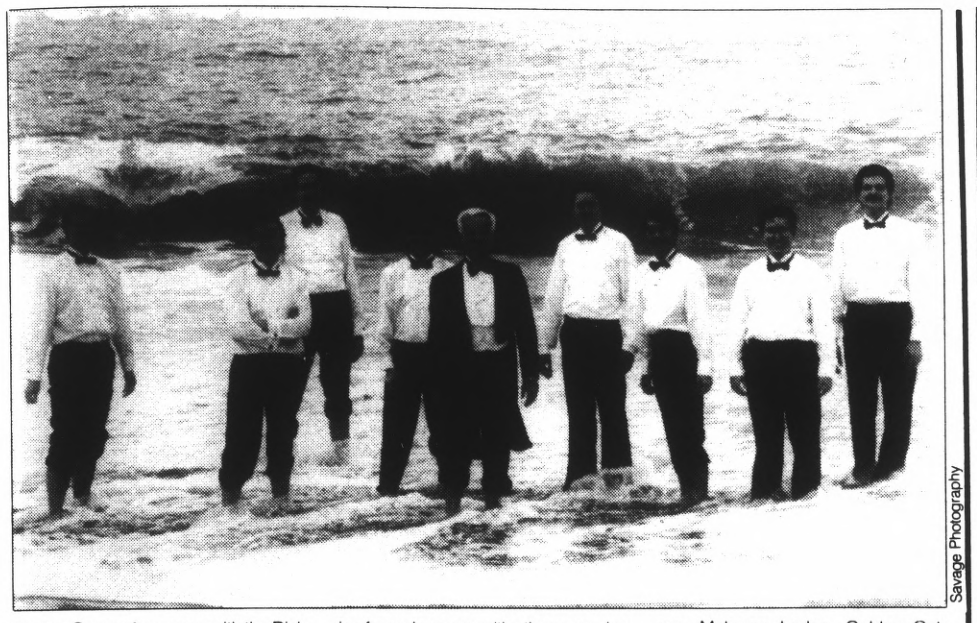
22 FRIDAY

Festival of Animation runs 4/22-29 at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon St, SF. For program details see 4/15.
S/M Lesbian Support Group Mtg: for info/location call 668-4622.
April Foolery Night with the Bay Area Storytelling Festival Committee & the Mixed Bag Tellers. Pun-filled orgy of foolish stories, jokes & anecdotes for adults & kids over 10. Audience participation encouraged. 7-9 pm, $5 plus your best Ronald Reagan joke, riddle or pun. Info: Carol Nyhoff 849-3950. University Y House Main Lounge, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.
"Dream Yourself Awake", a 2-day wkshop by Kathleen Westcott. Focuses on the rhythms of the natural world to help participants tap more deeply into their own creative process & connection with the earth. 7-10 pm tonight, 9:30 am-5:30 pm tomorrow, $80. Info: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-1600.
Safe Sex is Great Sex: free wkshop for gay & bisexual men in San Mateo County. Explore new & fun ways to be sexual & healthy with other hot guys in a safe, supportive environment. Presented by San Mateo County AIDS Project at ELLIPSE, 2121 S El Camino, Ste 505, San Mateo. Info: Jonathan 573-2587.
The Creative Energy of Sacred Sites: Christopher Castle lectures on the ancient sacred sites—standing stones & megaliths of Europe & North America, with a holistic interpretation of their meaning. 7:30-9:30 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts. Calif Institute of Integral Studies, 765 Ashbury St, SF. Info: 753-6100.
BWMT Rap Eastbay: "Black Contributions to Culture." 7:30 pm, 3135 Courtland, Oakl. Info: 261-7922.
The Rainbow: Which Way to Independence? A dialogue on the Jesse Jackson campaign, the Democratic Party & independent political action. Speakers: Peter Camejo of *North Star Review* & treasurer of the Oakland-Berkeley Rainbow Coalition and Joanna Misnik, member of the Solidarity Nat'l Committee. Spons by Bay Area Solidarity, a socialist organization for left unity. 7:30 pm, $2 gen'l, $1 stdnts & unemployed. 101 Wurster Hall (nr Bancroft & College), UC Berkeley. For CC, call in advance: Mike 436-3722.
Judi Friedman & Monica Grant at Mama Bears: funny songs & pointed political satire. 8 pm, $5. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Musician/Songwriter Lee Carney with Crystal Reeves: songs from the heart with a country flavor at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $5-7 SL. Info: 821-0232.
7th Asian American Jazz Festival: tonight & tmw at Asian Art Museum's Trustees' Auditorium, Golden Gate Park, SF. Tonight's program: 8 pm—*Glen Horiuchi Trio; Plus One* and Mark Izu/*Circle of Fire* (featuring James Newton). Tomorrow's program: 8 pm—Jason Hwang, solo; Jon Jang & the *Reparations Now! D-O-Rchestra*. Tix: $7 adv, $8 at door. Info: 668-6404.
Improv Jazz Storytelling at Yoshi's with Rhiannon & her Band. See 4/21.
Mind Control, a multi-media investigation with *Process*, a new band with 064, Shido and Carola Baer. Film by Tracy Witt; performances by Chuck Z & Michael Charnes; & more. 8 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Spring Concert with Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorale: program includes Kurt Weill's "Das Berliner Requiem"; Villa-Lobos' "St Sebastian Mass" & Langlais' "Salve Regina Mass". 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. Unitarian Church, Berkeley. Program repeats tmw in SF at 8 pm, Metropolitan Community Church of SF, 150 Eureka St and 4/24 at 4 pm, St Mark's Lutheran Church. Tix at Head lines. Info: 863-0342.
"Words as Objects: 3 Undergrounds" series at Small Press Distribution. Tonight's program—panel discussion on the Objectivist poets of the 30s, 40s & 50s, with emphasis on Louis Zukofsky. 8 pm, $4. Small Press Distribution, 1814 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: 549-3336.
Sha Sha Higby repeats her performance of "A Bee on the Beach" at Hatley Martin Gallery. Personal performance ritual concerned with the cycles of life, death & rebirth. Higby's sculptured costume adds on to itself, emerging into its full armor of spiraled silk with 40 wriggling fingers, arms & ribbons. 4/22 & 23, 29 & 30. 8 pm, $9. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015, 392-1024.
Church of the Secret Gospel service at 8 pm, followed by Friday Night Social—see 4/8 for details.
Concierto con *Trio Arepa:* spirited interpretations of the rich & varied Afro-Venezuelan musical tradition, reflecting the blending of the African, Indigenous & European influences that shaped Venezuela's music & history. 8:30 pm, $5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.
See Danceworks, a Southbay modern dance co; in performance at Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St, SF. Tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm, $7. Info/res: 824-5044.
Rock at Firehouse 7 with *McGuires, Musk Rats & Eskimo*. 10 pm, $4. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-1617.
Assertiveness & Self-Empowerment: Learning to Create Healthier Lesbian Relationships—today's the deadline to register for seminar, 4/30 has details.

23 SATURDAY

Making It Big House Party for Large Women—SF location. For info call 664-6842 or (707) 795-2324. 2 pm. See 4/17 for details.
Festival of Animation continues at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. See 4/15.
At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Lesbians Over 40 Think Tank (drop-in). Bring a pillow, food to share. 6 pm, free. 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.
Gourmet Vegetarian Potluck in SF—see 4/9.
7th Asian American Jazz Fest continues at SF's Asian Art Museum—see 4/22 for details. ***Altamira!*** Hot Latina Trio in concert at Mama Bears—don't miss 'em! 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5-7. Info: 428-9684.
Phallic Fellowship at SF: eve of sexy movies, male camaraderie. See 4/2.
Iso & *The Bobs* at Julia Morgan Theatre, see 4/20.
FOG Game Fest: join Fraternal Order of Gays for a night of your favorite card & board games—make new friends in a homey, relaxed atmosphere. 8 pm at FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr, SF. Info: 641-0999.
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At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Monica Grant — original music performed in a hilarious imitation of a lounge singer. 8:30 pm, $3-7 SL. 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Lesbian & Gay Families: Looking Ahead. Series of Saturday Forums spons by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Project, Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services & the Lesbian Rights Project. Today's topic—Support for Our Changing Families. Issues include: Creating New Families—Adding Parents & Children; Maintaining the Couple when Baby Makes 3 or 4 or...; When Families Break Up—Coping With Change; and Help for Families—Mediation, Counseling, Support. 9 am-1 pm, $10-20 SL. No one turned away for lack of funds. First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St (nr 27th), Oakl. CC available, call 48 hrs in advance to reserve. WA. Info: 641-0220.


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BACW Present "A Tribute to Golden Girls" at the Claremont Resort, 41 Tunnel Road, Oakl. Music by *City Swing*. No host bar, special interest tables. 9 pm-2 am. An Event for Women. For tix info call Bay Area Career Women 495-5393. Special room rates available thru the Claremont, call 843-3000.

Party at Silvers, a new dance club for Women. 9 pm, $5. 4737 Geary (nr Park Presidio), SF.

Birthways Wkshop: "Breastfeeding—Getting off to a Good Start". Lisa Cuevas of Nursing Mothers Counsel answers common questions & discusses prenatal preparation & nutrition. 9:30-11:30 am at Birthways, 3127 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-1446.

Aquatic Park Berkeley Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 880 North to University Ave. Go East on University Ave, turn right on 6th St at first light. Go one block on 6th St, turn right on Addison. Take Addison to Aquatic Park. Meet 9:30 am, parking lot on left. Flat 2.5 mile loop. Info: 939-3579, 261-3246.

Circumambulation of Mt Diablo: trip to Mt Diablo State Park in Contra Costa County with SF Hiking Club. SF folks meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores St, SF. Eastbay people call Jim Gordon 421-3854 eves. for mtg time/location. Bring lunch, water & dramamine if you get carsick on winding roads. Hike counterclockwise around the mtn from Juniper Campground to Devil's Elbow—strenuous 7-mile hike with total climb of 2,000 ft. Outstanding views, lots of wildflowers. Rain cancels.

Birthways Wkshop: "Pediatrics for Parents" covers normal childhood illnesses. Designed to assist parents in effectively caring for a sick baby or child when illness strikes. Learn to handle the basics, when to consult your physician, what situations require immediate help. Led by Dr Stephanie Bennett-Strauss. 10 am-2 pm. Birthways, 3127 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-1446.

Touching Men: class in California hot oil massage, led by Joseph Kramer. For men who wish to nurture other men with healing touch. Learn over 80 different strokes, two massage structures. Today & tmw, 10 am-5 pm, $100. Res/info: Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527A Telegraph Ave, Oakl, 653-1594.

Sacred Sites & the Living Earth: 2-day wkshop led by Christopher Castle. Explore the reciprocal symbiosis shared by ancient peoples with the earth. Topics include astronomical geometry & the megalithic Goddess cultures of Europe & their continuity in folk traditions. Today & tmw, 10 am-4 pm, $90. Calif Institute of Integral Studies, 765 Ashbury St, SF. Info/res: 753-6100.

BWMT Trip to Sacto Train Museum. Depart 10 am. For info/res call Lee 261-7922.

1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon Training Ride: come meet new friends, have fun, get ready for the upcoming bike-a-thon IV! See 4/9.

Hortiphiles Hike: for lesbians & gays who enjoy plants. Hike Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. Also Potluck dinner in Palo Alto. Reservations required. Info: Geoff 325-7212 or Henrietta (408) 236-1117.

Finding the Right Man: a 1-day wkshop in SF for gay men seeking a life partner. Clarify your relationship goals, explore new ways of meeting quality men, develop a practical plan of action. $25. Info/res: Partners Institute 343-8541.

Loving: A Wkshop for Gay & Bisexual Men, led by Charlie Seltzer & Tom Mapp. Gay & bisexual men are shrinking from closeness with other men, due to fear of AIDS. This wkshop is designed to help gay & bisexual men reclaim their full ability to love, to give & obtain the nurturing so basic to life, health & growth. Focus on trust, honesty, communication, support, vulnerabilty, nurturance & more. Lots of touching, singing, dancing & games. Overnight slumber party, wonderful food, chance to relax in hot tub. Today & tmw, $40-60 SL. Limited to 16. Eastbay location. Info/res: Charlie 821-7607.

24 SUNDAY

Women: Experience the Power of Your Passion. Wkshop on empowering the Goddess within. See 4/10 for details.

Women's Gathering for Older Lesbians (60+) & Friends: music, dancing, games, pool table, refreshments. Beautiful garden atmosphere. Bring refreshments to share. 3-6 pm, St Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Sandy Boucher Bookparty at Mama Bears: celebrate the publication of Boucher's new book *Turning the Wheel: American Women Creating the New Buddhism*. Booksigning, reading & reception. 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Brahms Lieder Recital at SF State Univ Knuth Hall. Performers: vocalist Sara Ganz, Patrick Neve, Marcia Gronewold & Sam Bittner; pianists Victoria Neve & Susan Fritz-Prey. 3 pm, $3.50 gen'l, $2.50 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 338-2467.

Brazilian Music at El Rio with *Black Orpheus*. 4-8 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Large Black Lesbians Group — see 4/3 for info.

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Sunday Cabaret at The Galleon: 5:30 pm—Peter Alfano & Annemarie Balinger; $5. At 8 pm: Eddie Blandini with the very popular David Lisle; $6. 718 14th St, SF. Info: 431-0253.

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At Clicking Stones Bookstore: M Lavelle Wkshop—Using Essential Oils (Aroma-Therapy) for Environmental Enhancement. 6 pm, free. 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Exploring the Sexual Self is the topic of tonight's Living Well Support Focus Group for gay & bisexual men with HIV/ARC/AIDS in San Mateo County. 7-10 pm at ELLIPSE, 2121 S El Camino, Ste 505, San Mateo. Info: Jonathan 573-2587.

Incest Battered Women's Healing Arts Action Circle meets—see 4/10.

Baroque Arts Ensemble in concert at First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, SF. Directed by Carol Negro. Program features works by JS Bach. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stndts & srs.

Iso & *The Bobs* at Julia Morgan Theatre: see 4/20.

Buenos Aires Gala at La Pena: tango & folklore show with Raul & Nora Dinzelbacher of Argentina. Traditional folk dances, plus the sultry, sensual tango. Accompanied by accordionist Agustin Barchuk. 8 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.

Rock at DNA Lounge with *Love Club* and *The Pop on Trial*. 8 pm, $2. 375 11th St, SF. Info: 626-2532.

BWMT Lake Chabot Hike (approx 5 miles). Bring lunch. 9 am. For info: 261-7922.

75 Mile Training Ride for the upcoming (5/14) 1988 AIDS Bike-A-Thon IV. 9 am, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Panhandle, SF. Leisurely ride over the Golden Gate Bridge, thru Sausalito, Tiburon & San Rafael. Marin portion is hilly, with magnificent scenery, great Bay views. Come meet new friends, rehearse for the bike-a-thon. Info: 771-0677.

Doggie Trek in the Marin Headlands with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Don't exclude your best friend from your weekend. Hike a loop trail for voice-obedient dogs, from Rodeo Beach on Marin Headlands. Leash necessary. Bring lunch & liquids for yourself & your dog. Meet 9 am, Pay 'N Save at Church & Market, SF. Info: Doug Montgomery 552-2223.

FOG Golden Gate Tour & Walk: spend the day in Golden Gate Park with Fraternal Order of Gays. Walking tour led by a trained guide. Info/res: FOG 641-0999

Gay-Run Revisited with SF Frontrunners. Meet 10 am at parking lot of Polo Field (off Middle Drive), Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: Jim 922-1435 or Margaret 821-3719.

Music from 13th Century Spain: *La Corte Musical* recreate the style of music that thrived during the reign of 13th century Spain's Alfonso X the Wise. Performed on authentic period instruments. Noon, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin) Berkeley. Info/res: 528-1685.

Body Psychology: Motion & E(motion) a wkshop spons by the AIDS Healing Alliance. Emotion is energy moving outward. When blocked or prohibited, there is a corresponding reflection on the physical level. This wkshop guides participants into becoming conscious of their movement patterns, interpreting them, and making appropriate changes. Led by Steve Kuttner & John Marino. Noon-4 pm, SF location. Info/res: Jim Cox 864-7820.

25 MONDAY

La Casa de las Madres offers support groups for women who are in abusive relationships, or have been in the past. See 4/11 for details.

Today's the deadline! — to get in your reservations for Girth & Mirth Club's Cinco de Mayo dinner at Oakland's Mexicali Rose Restaurant. For info/res call Mert or Art 334-5971. Come—and bring a friend!

Festival of Animation continues at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. See 4/15.

Preventative Law: Wkshop on Wills. Protect your relationships & your assets. Learn how to avoid probate & taxes. 7-9 pm, $20. Info/res: Linda M Scaparotti, atty at law, 268-8404.

Surviving & Thriving: join Pat Parker (Black lesbian poet & author of *Jonestown & Other Madness; Movement in Black*) & Avotcja (Nuyorican poet, songwriter, musician & radio host) for a special evening of poetry & spirit. 7:30 pm, $4-6 SL. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Bay Area Theatresports Tournament at Ft Mason Ctr—see 4/11 for details. Don't miss!

26 TUESDAY

Festival of Animation continues at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. See 4/15.

Building A Woman's Community: an 8-wk support group for lesbians. See 4/5.

Metaphysical Alliance meets at 6:45 pm, MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Group

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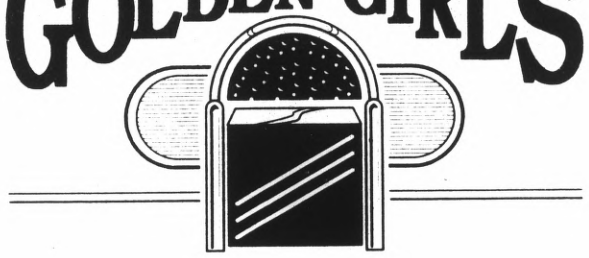
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Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) meet 7-9 pm, DeFrank Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Tonight's topic: separate space vs cohabitation—pros & cons. Info: (408) 293-4525, leave message. Newcomers welcome.

Israel, South Africa & the AFL-CIO: the Labor Committee on the Middle East presents 2 videos: British TV report on Israel's South Africa connection, plus video of AFL-CIO ties to Israel's Labor Federation Histradrut & conditions for Palestinian workers. Also speakers & discussion. 7:30 pm, $3-5. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.

A Night of Jewish Humor: at Davies Symphony Hall, SF. A comedy benefit for the Jewish Community Federation, & in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary. Hosted by Larry King. Comics include: Henny Youngman, Steve Landesberg, Richard Lewis, Rita Rudner, Jerry Seinfeld & more. Tix: $15-$30 for balcony & orchestra; $55 for loge. Tix at BASS & Ticketron. Champagne & cake served to all.

Does Pacifism Work? Join Radical Women for a critique & discussion of pacifism as a strategy for social change. 8 pm, Douglas Fir Room, ASUC, UC Berkeley. Info: 864-1278.

27 WEDNESDAY

Festival of Animation continues at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. See 4/15.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Safety Commitee mtg—see 4/13.

Physique '88 Seminar IV: Contest Prep: a panel discussion lead by Arcadia Bodybuilding Society's board members & winners of Physique '87 & Gay Games I & II. 6:30-8:30 pm, $5. City Athletic Club, 2500 Market St (just above Castro), SF. Info: George Birimisa 431-6254.

Music Open Mike at Mama Bears: 7 pm, $2. Women only. To sign up, call 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

AIDS Action Pledge meets 7:30 pm in SF. See 4/7 for details. Join us!

Israeli Film Night at SF Jewish Community Ctr. See *The Dybbuk*. Film adaptation of Sholom Anski's classic tale of possession & exorcism. A bride-to-be is possessed by the spirit of her former suitor. In Hebrew, with English subtitles. 7:30 pm, $5. Followed by guest speaker, discussion. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"The Jew in American Cinema" — a slideshow/lecture by scholar & film critic Patricia Erens. Examination of Jewish stereotyping & characterization in American cinema, from Hollywood to the independents. Co-spons by the Jewish Film Festival & the Leadership Development Community of the Jewish Federation. 8-9:30 pm, $5 adv, $6 at door. 3220 Gallery, 3220 Sacramento (bet Presidio & Lyon), SF. Info: Film Arts Foundation 552-8760.

Laugh Yourself Silly at El Rio with comics Marga Gomez, Danny Williams & Rene Hicks. 8-10 pm, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325. ***Nothing to Declare:*** Mary Morris reads from her account of her travels alone through Latin America. 8 pm, free. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Jazz at La Pena with *Bright Moments*—contemporary, Latin & straight ahead jazz. 8-11 pm, $6. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.

Ruth Langridge Dance Co at New Performance Gallery. 8 pm tonight & 4/29-30. Program features works by Ruth Langridge, post-modernist Jane Comfort, and a special guest choreographer. 3153 17th St, SF. Info: 435-2771.

28 THURSDAY

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 2 pm. See 4/7.

Older Gay Men's Friendship Group meets in SF—see 4/14.

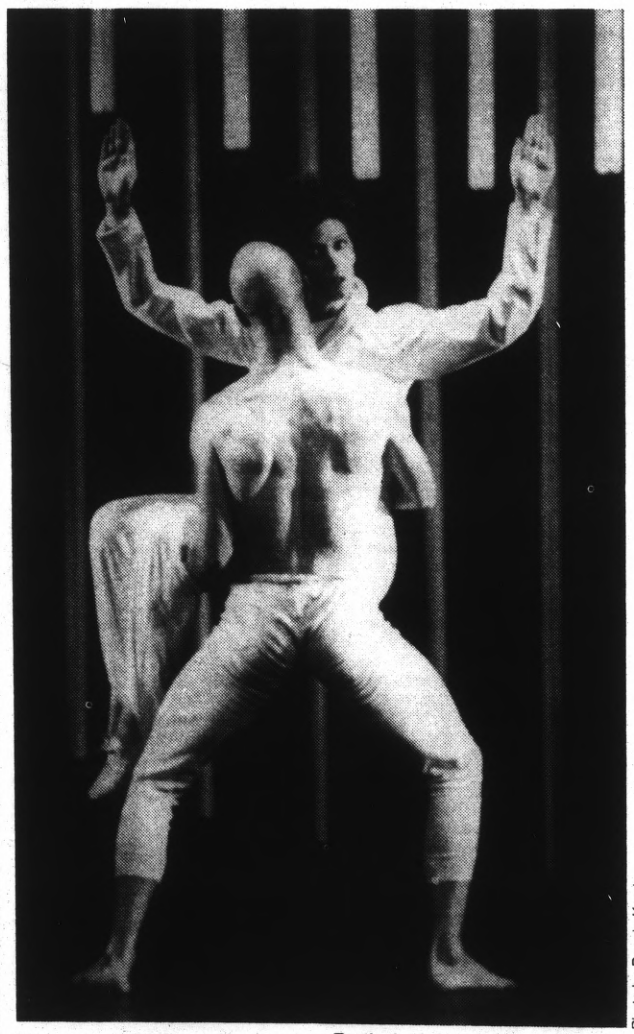


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Margaret Jenkins Dance Co opens its 1988 season with 3 SF premieres: "Rollback", "Georgia Stone" and "Shorebirds Atlantic". Wed-Sun, 8:30 pm, 4/27-5/1 and 5/4-8. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St (at 17th), SF. Tix: $14 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $16 Fri & Sat. Tix at BASS, STBS. Info: 621-7797.

Farmers' Market Trip with Daytimers, a daytime activities group for gay men. Meet 11 am in the courtyard at 261 Fell St (Church of the Advent), SF. Take a walking/shopping tour of Civic Center's Farmers' Market—a twice weekly event with a wide variety of home-grown fruits & vegetables. Lunch in Civic Ctr area follows. Info: Dave 832-4368.

Festival of Animation continues at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. See 4/15.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets at 7 pm, the Old Firehouse, Stanford University campus. Tonight's topic: "Similarities & Differences Between Lesbian, Gay Male & Straight Couples." All women (& friends of all persuasions) welcome. Info: Marilyn 969-1260 or Wanda 325-7616.

South America in Film & Video series at Mission Branch Public Library, 3359 24th St, SF. 7 pm, free. Tonight's program on Argentina. See *Mothers of Plaza de Mayo*.

Visions of the Spirit: an intimate film portrait of author Alice Walker. Screening at Oakland Museum Theater, 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Barbara Christian interviews director Elena Featherston & Alice Walker. Reception follows screening. SL tix starts at $20. For more info see 4/20.

BWMT Political Awareness Night: discuss the AIDS initiatives, hear reps from Presidential candidates. 7:30 pm, 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: Black & White Men Together 931-BWMT.

Bay Area Women Authors series at As You Like It Books: Dorothy Bryan discusses *Confessions of Madame Psyche*. 7:30 pm, 2556 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 848-2291.

Israel at 40: Jewish Community Forums spons by SF Jewish Community Ctr. Tonight's forum—"Israelis Covering Israel: the Role of the Media." Ya'acov Eisenmann, Israeli TV producer, and Yossi Koren, of East Bay Jewish Federation, in a talk/discussion on current events in Israel as related by media inside & outside the country. 7:30 pm, free. SFJCC, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Central American Dance & Music with *Fua Dia Congo* at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $7. Info: 849-2572.

Margaret Jenkins Dance Co at Theater Artaud. See 4/27.

Electric City lesbian/gay TV show features the Rainbow Deaf Society; a talk with Pat Norman; update on AIDS/ARC Vigil; Marcy Frazier; on the street with Dan Carlisle; a return visit to the Ego Reduction Ctr plus other surprises. 9 pm, Cable 6. Info: 861-7131.

29 FRIDAY

"A Birthday Bash"—final concert of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic's 1987-88 season. Program features world premiere of "After the Tradition" by noted composer Vivian Fine. Tonight's concert is a tribute to Ms Fine in honor of her 7th birthday. (Reception for Ms Fine at the Wattis Room, Davis Symphony Hall, from 5-7 pm on 4/25). Additional Highlight: harpist Gillian Benet in a performance of Germaine Tailleferre's "Concertino for Harp & Orchestra". 7:15 pm "Concert Conversation" with Vivian Fine, hosted by Nan Washburn; 8 pm concert. First Congregational Church, Dana & Durant Sts, Berkeley. Tix $12. Info: 626-4888.

Festival of Animation at Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. Final day! See 4/15 for details.

Free Reiki Lecture: learn about the Usui system of natural healing. Talk by Reiki master Ken Bower. 7-9 pm at 333 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0836, 665-6863.

Options for Women over 40 monthly mtg: program features info/discussion with feminist attorney Penelope Seator on pornography & prostitution. All women welcome. 7 pm, donation. SF Community College, 33 Gough St, SF. Info: 431-6405.

Sufism: Its Flowering in Islam: lecture by Andre Patsalides. Intro the imagery & wisdom of the Sufi tradition. Places Sufi teachings & practices with Islamic thought & environment. Slides & various media used. 7-10 pm, $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts. Calif Institute of Integral Studies, 765 Ashbury St, SF. Info: 753-6100.

Ruth Langridge Dance Co in concert at New Performance Gallery, see 4/27.

Sha Sha Higby in performance at Hatley Martin Gallery, SF. See 4/22.

Uruguayan Author Eduardo Galeano, an extraordinarily gifted Latin American journalist, editor, novelist & historian. 8 pm at Mission Cultural Ctr, (2nd floor gallery), 2868 Mission St, SF. Eve features intros & translation by Francisco Alarcon, board member of Mission Cultural Ctr & Stanford University's Fernando Alegria. Galeano will read from his most recent works. Refreshments available. 8 pm, $1-5 donation requested.

Dick Dines Out: Nouvelle Cuisine Opera by the Underworld Opera Company, a group committed to giving traditional opera a modern context. Tells the tale of Dick, an average American who enters a midwest diner feeling cocky, but bites off more than he can chew. Dick's high testosterone levels, combined with his inability to accept an obsessed vagrant as his eating companion, lead to a comic confrontation between the establishment & its own refuse. Show runs 8 pm tonight, 8 & 10 pm tmw at Third Wave Dance Theatre, 3316 24th St at Mission, SF. Info: 465-0792.

Maura Shannon & Diane Schlactus: fine original songs & more at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $5. Info: 821-0232.

Church of the Secret Gospel service at 8 pm, followed by Friday Night Social. See 4/8.

Melanie Monsur in Concert at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $5-7. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

Rock at Firehouse 7 with *Sea Hags and House of Wheels*. 10 pm, $5. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-1617.



Photo by Ann Wells

Facing AIDS: an original ritual theatre work created & performed by Beverly Frederick, Suzanne Sterling, Philip Justin Smith & John McNamara. Dance & poetry, personal testimony, healing ritual. An intimate, powerful look at people with AIDS & their loved ones. Ritual led by members of the Reclaiming Collective. 8 pm tonight & tmw, $5-10. Proceeds benefit the Shanti Project. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Rova Saxophone Quartet at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. 8:30 pm, $7 adv, $8 door. Tix at BASS. Info: 548-7234.

Synthesia, a performance by poet/painter/musician Toby Lurie at ATA (Artists Television Access), 992 Valencia St, SF. Features "Ode to Ollie" a piece involving a paper shredder, a ladder and the world's longest painting poem, all of which come down on his head. 8:30 pm, $3. Info: 824-3890.

Margaret Jenkins Dance Co at Theater Artaud—see 4/27.

I Never Told Anyone: Wkshop for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse—led by Ellen Bass & Amy Pine. In a context of support, honesty & genuine caring, each woman works at her own pace, without pressure. Use writing, sharing & emotional release work to explore feelings, mourn violation, affirm anger, gather strength, celebrate survival. Today thru 5/1 in Santa Cruz. For info/reg: (408) 423-2609.

Single Women's Mendocino Wkend: today thru 5/1. Unstructured hiking & playing in a peaceful setting. $55 includes all meals & informal lodging. Info/res: 236-2783.

World Beat Dance at La Pena with *The Karmakanix.* High-energy blend of African, Caribbean, reggae & funk. 9:30 pm, $5. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2572.

Sufism: Origins & Flowering. 2-day wkshop led by Andre Patsalides. Reviews the traditional environment in which Sufism first emerged & expanded. Examines parallels in other Middle Eastern traditions. Discusses teachings of major Sufi schools (Rifaiat, Mawlawiya-Ishrakia & Ismaila). 7-10 pm tonight, 10 am-4 pm tmw, $80. Info/res: Calif Institute of Integral Studies 753-6100.

Bay Area Gay Fathers Semiannual Retreat at Lodestar in the Sierras. Grappling with being a single/divorced gay parent? Come join us—and explore the options/opportunities. For info/details: 841-0306.

30 SATURDAY

At Clicking Stones Bookstore: Booksigning with Brenda Weathers, author of *The House At Pelham Falls.* 2-5 pm, free. 19375 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Auditions Held for Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Civic Ctr celebration—comics, singers, musicians, poets welcome, persons of color encouraged. Auditions in SF & Oakl. Info: 864-FREE.

Southbay SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) Potluck: 7 pm at DeFrank Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-4525, leave message. Newcomers welcome.

FOG Game Fest: play board & card games with Fraternal Order of Gays. Games, snacks, refreshments & nice people to play with provided. $5. Info: FOG 641-0999.

At Clicking Stones Bookstore: An Eve of Comedy with Linda Moakes! 2 shows: 7:30 & 9:30 pm, $7. Part of Women's Weekend on the River celebrations. 19376 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. Info: (707) 865-9922.

Sha Sha Higby in performance at SF's Hatley Martin Gallery. See 4/22 for details.

Rita Coriel, a foresister of Women's Music for 20 years, performs at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $5. Info: 821-0232.

Eduardo Galeano, Uruguayan author of *Days and Nights of Love and War* & *Open Veins of Latin Ameria,* reads from his *Memory of Fire* trilogy at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave at Vine, Berkeley. 8 pm, free. Info: 486-0698.

Ruth Langridge Dance Co in concert at New Performance Gallery, see 4/27.

Facing AIDS: an original ritual theatre work at the Women's Bldg—see 4/29. Benefit for Shanti Project.

Phallic Fellowship in SF: eve of sexy movies & male camaraderie. See 4/2 for details.

Margeret Jenkins Dance Co at Theater Artaud—see 4/27.

El Cuadro Flamenco, popular East Bay flamenco dance & music ensemble, in concert at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Also appearance by Agustin Rios, internationally acclaimed gypsy flamenco guitarist. Traditional Andalucian regional dances, flamenco dance solos, traditional & innovative flamenco music. 8:30 pm, $9.

"Dimensions of Difference: Celebrating the Diversity of Women" is the topic of Stanford Univ's Graduate Women's Network 3rd Annual Spring Conference. Focus on the importance of being responsive to the needs/concerns of women from different backgrounds in order to maintain the feminist movement. Wkshops & panel discussions. Speakers include talk by Joanne Loulan, Bay Area psychotherapist, sex educator & author; Maggi Rubinstein, PhD, psychologist & educator, co-founder of Bay Area Bisexual Network and activist Pam David. Entertainment by singer/songwriter Judy Fjell. Cubberly Auditorium, Stanford University. WA. CC available. $5-10 SL, $2-5 stdnts & srs. 8:30-9 am registration, conference runs till 7:30 pm. Info: Graduate Women's Network 723-5829.

Spring Dance/Social spons by BABN (Bay Area Bisexual Network). 9 pm-1 am, $7. Come have a good time! Humanist Fellowship Hall, 411 28th St (enter on 27th St side bet Broadway & Telegraph), Oakl. Info: 522-5553.

Disco Diva II—hot dance event spons by BAWNS (Black & White Nationality Supporters). At the Warehouse Cabaret, corner of 18th & San Pablo, Oakl (postponed from 3/26). Don't miss! For adv tix contact Robert Jefferson 923-9389. Tix at door: $15. BAWNS plans monthly events to benefit other organizations, free memberships in BAWNS also available (up to 5/1, afterwards $25 fee/6 months).

Hot Party at Silver's, a new dance club for Women. 9 pm, $5. 4737 Geary (nr Park Presidio), SF.

Lake Chabot Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take I-580 East to 150the Ave Exit. Turn left at 2nd traffic light onto Fairmont Dr. Continue on Fairmont over the hill. Lake Chabot Marina entrance is on the left. Meet at the entrance end of parking lot. 9:30 am. Mostly flat. Info: 939-3579, 261-3246.

Birthways Wkshop: "Lesbian & Gay Parenting". Ellie Shindelman, coordinator of Lyon-Martin Clinic's Lesbian & Gay Parenting Project, leads wkshop for lesbians & gay men who are considering parenthood, pregnant or new parents. Share experiences, discuss concerns, meet other families. 10 am-1:30 pm at Birthways, 3127 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: 428-1446.

First Degree Reiki Class taught by Reiki Master Ken Bower. 10 am-5 pm, 333 Valencia St, SF. 4th floor. 10 am-5 pm, continues on May 1. Info: 821-0836, 665-6863.

How to Grow Tomatoes in SF: wkshop spons by the SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). Lecture by Pam Peirce, followed by in-garden planting demo. Bring bag lunch to enjoy after class. 10 am-1 pm, SF Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Demo & BYO lunch in nearby Dearborn Community Garden. $5. Info: SLUG 468-0110.

Assertiveness & Self-Empowerment: Learning to Create Healthier Lesbian Relationships. Seminar led by Anne Lizborne, MS, MFCC. Many lesbians find it difficult to identify & communicate clear personal limits—especially those raised in families where abuse of any kind was an issue. Seminar explores common problems, helps participants develop new relationship & communication skills. 10 am-4 pm, $25. SF location. Registration deadline: 4/22. Info: 654-7907 or (707) 895-3770.

Jobs & Justice, Not War! Spring Mobilization for Peace, Jobs & Justice March & Rally in SF: 10:30 am—ecumenical religious service at Precita Park. 11 am—assemble at Precita Park (1 block south of Army St nr 24th St BART station). Noon—march thru Mission District. 1 pm—rally at Dolores Park (19th & Dolores) Speakers include Cesar Chavez, head of United Farm Workers Union. For info or to volunteer help: 626-8053. Be there!

GALLERIES

Visions for Peace: fundraising art show & auction featuring work of many Bay Area artists, centering on the theme of peace. Opening & reception 4/16, 7 pm. Auction begins at 8:30. Proceeds benefit programs for children & disabled people. Hand to Hand Community Arts Ctr, 5680 San Pablo Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-0502.

Kurt Weber: an exhibition of new works at Hatley Martin Gallery. 4/27-5/27. Opening reception 5/6, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

At John Pence Gallery: paintings by John Franklin Koenig & Dorothy Morgan. 4/8-5/7, reception for the artists 4/8, 5:30-8:30 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

From Ashes to the Rainbow: A Tribute to Raoul Wallenberg. Mixed media works by Alice Lok Cahana, Hungarian-born artist & Holocaust survivor. Exhibit traces the artist's unfolding understanding of her Holocaust experiences. 4/12-6/19 at Jewish Community Museum, 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm daily, except Sat & Jewish/national holidays. Info: 543-8880.

Poetry & Nature in the Art of Hau Pei-jen: an exhibit of 40 contemporary paintings & calligraphy by Hau Pei-jen, part of Chinese Cultural Ctr's ongoing "Chinese American Artists" series. 4/9-6/4. Hrs: Tues-Sat 10 am-4 pm. Opening reception 4/9, 3-5 pm, features artist's demo of Chinese ink & brush techniques (3:30 pm). 750 Kearny St, SF. Info: 986-1822.

California Palace of the Legion of Honor: Hrs. Wed-Sun 10 am-4:45 pm. Info: 750-3614. For details on lecture tour program: 750-3638. Pipe organ concerts every Sat & Sun at 4 pm. Free—after the usual admission fee.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: "The Karaites," ceremonial objects and manuscripts from this little-known Jewish community since 800 C.E., thru 4/10. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley. Hours: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Info: 849-2710.

Latest Flames: Sound & Light Structures by Brian Eno; at the Exploratorium thru 4/10. 3601 Lyon St, SF; 563-7337. For tix & other info, call 392-4769.

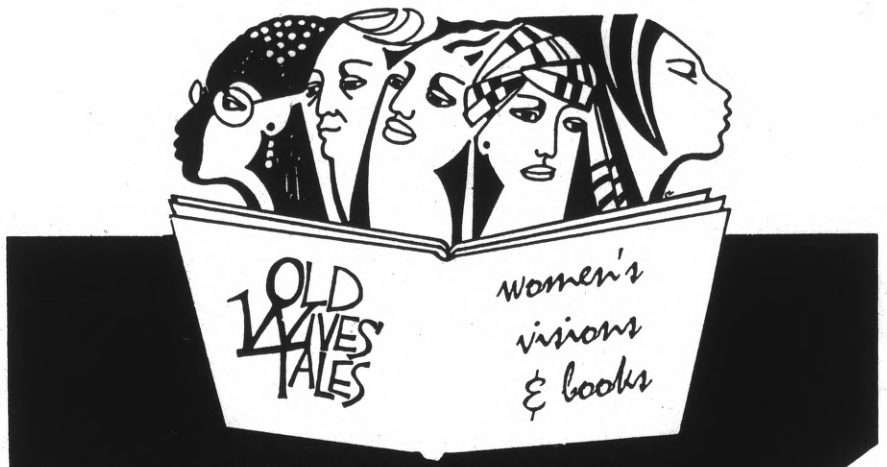
Pietronigro Mixed Media Constructions on exhibit thru 4/15. Sweet Inspiration, 2123 Fillmore St, SF. Info: 285-0205.

Sculptured Paintings by Chet Amyx: exhibition at Hatley Martin Gallery, 41 Powell St, SF. Thru 4/22. Info: 392-1015.

Circles in Transition: paintings by George C Longfish, a key figure among contemporary Native American artists. Thru March 19 at AICA (American Indian Contemporary Arts), 685 Market St, Ste 270, (Monadnock Bldg), SF. Info: 495-7600.

Sculpted Paper Collage, Graphics & Originals by Lebadang: on exhibit at Circle Gallery. Runs thru 4/11. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Info: 989-2100.

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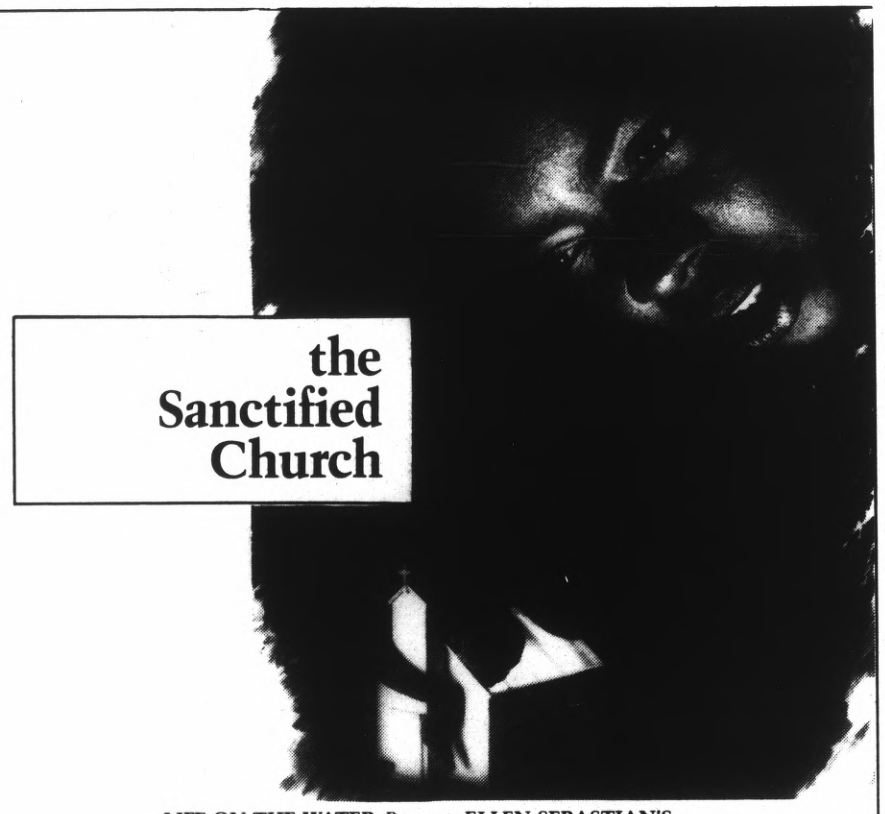
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Cry an installation by Joyce Cutler-Shaw at Intersection for the Arts. An investigation of the aging process & death. Exhibit includes "The Alphabet of Bones", "The Wingwalls", "The Rose Drawings," & "Father Died." Runs 4/8-5/4, opening reception 4/8, 5:30-7:30 pm. 766 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat noon-4:30 & eves before theater performances. Info: 626-2787.

3rd Annual Fine Arts Show spons by Academy of Art College. 4/8-16. Reception 4/8, 5-8 pm. South of Market Cultural Ctr, 934 Brannan St (bet 8th & 9th), SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-4 pm. Info: 765-4200.

Paintings by Tucson painter Kevin Sloan. On exhibit at Mesa Gallery, 2178 Bush St, SF. Wed-Sun 11:30-5:30 pm. Info: 921-3592.

"Instant Pallette", group show at A Tiburon Affair Art Gallery: oil paintings by Sam Racina, imaginary constructions by Sandra Fraser, unique impressions by George Draper. Sculpture by Christiane Lazard, Stephen Lackey & Mary Taylor. Thru 4/25. 82 Main St, Ark Row, Tiburon. Info: 435-6100.

Portraits of Lesbians from Gay Day 1987 by Happy/L.A. Hyder. On exhibit at the Brick Hut restaurant, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley, thru 4/17.



Patti Levey, photographer: multiple image self-portraits which are both autobiographical & social commentary. A personal confrontation & response to the roles women are taught to play in society. 4/15-5/6 at Fobbo Gallery, 3747 23rd St, SF. Artist's reception 4/15, 6:30-8:30 pm. Info: 695-0640.

ON STAGE



Snake Talk: Urgent Messages from the Mother by Naomi Newman. Rooted in Jewish experience but reaching across cultural boundaries toward shared contemporary concerns, play probes ancient female mysteries with insight & power. A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Previews 4/6-8, opens 4/9. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 5/1. 8 pm. Tix: $9 Thurs & Sun; $10 Fri & Sat; $8 previews, $1 stdnt & sr discount. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

The Sanctified Church, play by Ellen Sebastian, based on the life of the writer Zora Neale Hurston. Play focuses on Hurston's meeting in 1937 a young white anthropologist who is recording her folk songs & stories for the Library of Congress. Flashbacks take us to scenes from her childhood in the deep South & to New Orleans & Haiti. Gala Opening 4/7, hosted by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. Play runs Wed-Sun for 6 weeks. 8:30 pm, with Sun matinee at 3. Tix: $9-17. Info/res: 776-8999.

See Rock City by Demece Garepis. A young woman's coming out is fueled by family tensions, small town prejudice & early 1960s social upheaval. Studio Rhino production. Runs 4/13-5/15. 8:30 pm Thurs-Sun, $8. Sun matinees on 5/8 & 15, $3. The Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, SF. Info: 861-5079.

The Kiss of the Spider Woman by Manuel Puig. Journey across the barriers of reality & imagination, politics & love. In a South American prison, Valentin & Molina find strength in each other by sharing their fantasies of political & personal liberation. Eureka Theatre Co production. Previews 4/14-19, opens 4/20, runs thru 5/15. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 7:30 pm Sun. Discussions on 4/21 & 5/5. Tix: $9 previews; $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $16 Fri & Sat, $17 opening night (includes reception). Stdnt & sr discount. 2730 16th St, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

Juno & the Paycock by Sean O'Casey. Story of a family living in the Dublin tenement houses of 1922 Ireland, during the Civil War. Alliance Repertory Theater production, presented in celebration of Dublin city's millenium. 4/8-10. 8 pm Fri & Sat; 3 pm Sun. Tix: $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-7234 or BASS.

"36" by Norman Lessing. 3 Chassidim take up temporary residency on the Bimah of a Reform synagogue n Cincinnati, in search of the missing 36th Lamedvovnik—and the plot thickens hilariously from there. Berkeley Jewish Theatre production. Runs 4/7-5/8; 8 pm Thurs & Sat, 2 & 7 pm Sun. Previews 4/3, 5 & 6 at 8 pm. Tix: $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Sat. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Ctr, 1414 Walnut, Berkeley. Info/res: 849-0498.

The Trial by Kafka. Adaptation by contemporary English playwright Steven Berkoff. Experimental production, the cast doubles as the characters in the narrative & as Joseph K's psychic conscience. Berkeley Drama Cooperative. 4/23-26, 28-30, 8:30 pm. Studio Eremos, 499 Alabama St, SF.

Mind Freight, a sculpture performance by Nightletter Theater. 70-min whimsical exploration of the nature of consciousness. Uses costumes, projected images, filmstrips, sound design miniatures & live action to crack open the door to the human mind. Previews 4/6, 8:30 pm, $7. Runs 4/7-10, 4/13-17, 8:30 pm; $12 & $10. Theater Artaud, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

HMS Pinafore, director-choreographer Brian MacDonald's witty & fast-moving production of the Gilbert & Sullivan classic. Runs thru 4/3 at Golden Gate Theatre, Taylor & Golden Gate, SF. Tix/info 243-9001 or BASS.

14 Ladies in Hats: work for theatre by Susan Hansell. Artifact/product of Ms Hansell's work with character expression in non-naturalistic theatre forms. Runs Thurs-Sat, 4/7-30, 8:30 pm. Centerspace Studio Theatre, 2840 Mariposa St (nr 17th & Harrison, in the Project Artaud bldg), SF. tix: $9 gen'l, $7 stdnt or low income. Info/res: 861-5059.

What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton. A psychiatrist who runs a private sanitarium interviews a young woman for a secretarial position & convinces her to undress. His wife returns unexpectedly & a pattern of denial & disrobement begins as the characters become a ready vehicle for Orton's relentless satire. Berkeley Rep production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 2 & 7 pm thru 5/7. Thurs matinees on 4/7, 14, 21, 28 & 5/5 at 2 pm. Sat matinees on 4/2 & 5/7, 2 pm. No shows on Palm Sunday, East Sunday & Passover. Tix: $15.50 matinees, $17 Tues-Thurs & Sun eve. $20 Fri & Sat. Stdnt & sr discounts. 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info: 845-4700.

Trouble in Mind by Alice Childress. Obie Award-winning play explores the basic artistic dilemma of acceptance vs creative compromise. Highlights one woman's struggle for self-fulfillment within the narrow parameter of American theatre—a "play within a play" examining the search for a personal solution to creative freedom & integrity. Black Repertory Group production. Runs Thurs-Sat, 4/7-5/14. 8 pm Thurs & Fri, 2:30 & 8 pm Sat. Tix: $8 gen'l, $4 matinee. 3201 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: 652-2120, 652-4017.

Going to Seed by Eve Powell. Family finally meets its favorite radio personality, only to find out she's become their daughter's lover—story of three generations of women in a Black family—mother, grandmother & daughter, in this comedy about family life, traditional values & coming out. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 4/16 at 8; Sun matinees 4/3 & 10 at 3 pm. Tix: $10 weeknights & matinees; $12 weekends (Fri & Sat). Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info: 861-5079.

A Human Equation by Kenny Fries. Story of a triangular relationship bet a poet, a painter & a grad student studying the poet's work. Runs thru 4/9, 8 pm. $8 Wed, $10 Fri & Sat. Intersection, 766 Valencia St, SF.

A Moon for the Misbegotten by Eugene O'Neill. Magic Theatre production of the O'Neill classic. Runs thru 5/1. For showtime & tix info call 441-8822. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, third floor, SF.

► RESOURCE GUIDE

► AIDS RESOURCES

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: Larry Paradis 928-5352

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC. SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs. Also learn what social services are available in SF. Reservations required. call 864-5855. 9am-6 pm. Mon-Fri.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Provides positive environment in which to share difficult personal issues. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed with AIDS & children of people with AIDS. Divided by age categories—7-11 & 12-17. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Drugs & Alcohol/AIDS Support Group: for men with AIDS or ARC. or who test HIV positive & have a alcohol or drug problem Also open to their lovers & friends or anyone in recovery who has concerns around AIDS. Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm, 18th St Services, 2152-B Market St (bet Church & Sanchez), SF. Free, no appt necessary. Info: 861-4898

Gay Support Group for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV + and alcohol substance abuse. Invididual & group process. Operation Concern's Operation Recovery, 1853 Market St, SF. Info 626-7000.

BWMT AIDS Task Force deals with people of color, minority & third world issues surrounding AIDS. All welcome. Info: 630 Fillmore #201, SF 94117, 431-8333.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, preventive education, speakers bureau, telephone info. Emotional support volunteers needed, Training provided. Info: 457-AIDS.

The AIDS Screening Clinic at District Health Ctr #2, 1301 Pine St nr Ellis, SF. Call for appt: 621-4858.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people w/AIDS. For appt/info: 282-4622, 9 am-3 pm.

Yoga Class for persons with AIDS & ARC. Teacher is PWA & yoga student who worked with BKS Iyengar in India on therapeutic application of yoga postures for him. Fri 4-5:30 pm, SL. Mission location. Info: 863-7212.

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr has AIDS-related groups that focus on gay health. Call 929-5204.

Computerized AIDS Info Network, (CAIN), a 24 hr, nationwide, up-to-date information service based in Cambridge, MA. To subscribe, call (800) 544-4005. To list a service, call (213) 464-7400.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet Mon 6-8 pm in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

AIDS Ecumenical Healing Services, held the 1st Mon of every month, spons by AIDS Interfaith Network. Info: 928-HOPE.

Positive AIDS Antibody Test Support Groups: SF groups for gay & bisexual men who have tested positive. Ongoing, wkly, groups limited to 8 people. Daytime & eve groups. $225/8 sessions, ½ hr free consultation. Led by Bill Folk, MFCC. Info/res: Bill 621-5413.

SF AIDS Foundation provides various educational (support services, such as literature distribution, food bank, hotline & housing. Volunteers & contributions welcome. 333 Valencia St, 4th fl, SF. Info: 864-4376.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 366-AIDS.

AIDS Interfaith Network offers support & guidance to people with AIDS, their families and loved ones thru hospital ministry, literature distribution, spiritual support, healing teams and prayer. 2261 Market St *#502, SF 94114-1693. Info: 928-HOPE,*

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

The Center: a spiritual resource for persons with AIDS/ARC & their caregivers. Offers individual pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, prayer groups, retreats, spiritual support groups, massage, friendly conversation, monthly calendar of events. Spons by the Missionary Brothers of Charity. 3421 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Contra Costa County AIDS Interfaith Network. Every Thurs, 7:30 pm. Diablo Valley MCC, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.

SF AIDS Fund provides emergency financial assistance to people with AIDS. 1547 California St, SF. Info/contributions: 441-6407.

SF AIDS Alternative Healing Project: free hotline provides info on alternative approaches to AIDS: referrals to holistic health practitioners, alternative healing support groups, classes, comprehensive alternative program for people diagnosed with AIDS. Info: 558-9292.

Contra Costa AIDS Info: 646-2525.

Support for families, friends & significant others of people with AIDS/ARC in San Mateo County. Safe atmosphere for those personally touched by the AIDS epidemic. 45 Southgate Ave, Daly City 94105. Info: Chris or Naomi 994-3030.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network provides counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups for people concerned about AIDS, people with AIDS, their lovers, parents & family. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 892, Guerneville, CA 95446.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Massage for PWAs: learn gentle touch with Irene Smith. Wkend seminars focus on the importance of touch for people with life-threatening illnesses. Learn how to work with clients in hospitals, use specific touch techniques for pain management & relaxation. Info: Service Thru Touch 564-1750.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. Info: Ruth 771-9808.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: Ray Cope 346-0770.

Rest Stop: a quiet Oasis for people with AIDS & ARC: Need someplace to rest during the day, to meet friends or to talk? Try Rest Stop, 134 Church St, (above El Quake-o Restaurant), SF. 10 am-6 pm Mon-Fri. A ministry of Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). Info: 621-6300, 621-REST.

ACTS (AIDS Concerns Trusting Support), a ministry of New Life MCC. Sharing & prayer support group meets 3:30 pm Sun. Open to all affected by AIDS, only requirement is confidentiality. Info: 843-9355.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

San Mateo County Buddies provide support & assistance to people with AIDS & ARC & their friends & family in San Mateo County. For info: AIDS Coordinating Office 573-2588. Volunteers needed, 6-month commitment asked; bi-weekly support groups; intensive training provided.

San Mateo County AIDS/ARC Counseling Service spons by Dept of Health Services. Trained & experienced facilitators. Open & frank discussions in a safe atmosphere. Info: Gloria Greenberg or Nancy Jordan 363-4111. For info on other county services or programs: Ed Hilton, AIDS Program Coordinator 573-2588.

Antibody Positive Drop-In Support Group spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project & Operation Concern. Thursdays, 6-8 pm. Focus on assisting individuals in exploring concerns around positive test results, supporting development of coping skills. Operation Concern, 1853 Market at Guerrero, SF. Info: 476-6430.

HIV Positive In-Depth Psychotherapy Group for gay & bisexual men who do not have symptoms of AIDS or ARC. Use the fears from testing positive to open your heart to yourself & others, make life more what you wish it to be. Give & receive support, build self-esteem, deal with emotional confusion. Tues 7:30-9:30 pm. Limited to 8 members. Info: Dave Cooperberg, MA 431-3220.

People with AIDS/ARC Support Group meets in Berkeley. Thurs 2-4 pm. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: 420-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. 6-8 pm in Oakl. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 420-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 420-8181.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (D.A.I.R. Foundation): operates Project Inform, the Ribavirin/Isoprinosine research study, and an IDS treatment information hotline. Archive open to the public by appointment. Info: 928-0292.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 626-6637.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Meets Wed nights. Info: 777-CARE.

Bereaved Men whose lovers have died of AIDS: 6-wk support/healing group. Release feelings, receive comfort, find strength. Facilitated by Stuart Horance, PhD, Hospice psychologist; & Tom Grothe, RN. Low fee. Info: 731-4931.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: BALIF/NEFIR offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC. Other AIDS related legal matters handled on a case by case basis. Info: Clint Hockenberry 864-8186.

Self-Healing & Support Group for people with AIDS & those concerned with AIDS issues. Every Thurs, 7-9 pm, free. UCSF Campus Ministry Bldg, adjacent to Phelan Hall, nr the Golden Gate entrance to the campus (Golden Gate nr Parker, SF). Positive reinforcements, visualizations, meditative techniques, & more. Info: Glenna 567-7126, Not affiliated with any religious group.

AIDS/ARC Switchboard: staffed by men & women with AIDS & ARC. Please call if you're: in need of advice, looking for info, confused & anxious, depressed. We want to help. Staffed Mon-Sat 1-4 pm, Thurs 1-6 pm. At other times leave message. Info: 861-7309.

The Jason James Lazzeri Memorial Library provides free books of all sorts for the edification & enjoyment of people with AIDS. For info on its use call Ben Brody 548-7570. Berkeley location.

HIV Concerns in the East Bay: drop-in groups spons by Pacific Ctr's AIDS Project of the East Bay. However you came into contact with the virus, if you've tested positive for antibody or the virus directly, there's a group to support you: gay & bisexual men's groups, heterosexual women & men's group, heterosexual couples group, gay couples group, significant others group. All groups professionally facilitated. No fees, donations requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 420-8181.

Healing Mass: healing prayers offered for people with AIDS/ARC & others. Spons by Integrity, a community of lesbian & gay Episcopalians & friends. Gay & lesbian affirming worship at St John's, 1661 15th St, SF. Sun, 5:30 pm. Info: David Bentley 431-5859.

Garden Sullivan AIDS/ARC Project: provides environmental support (ice cream socials, posters, clocks, calendars, plants, etc) to people on the AIDS/ARC ward at SF's Garden Sullivan Hospital. Spons by Integrity (see above).

Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro offers AIDS specialty & screening clinic, outpatient day therapies unit, Retrovir (AZT) clinic, alternate test site for antibody testing, AIDS-dedicated inpatient ward & an AIDS-sensitive staff. Info: 667-3219, 9:30 am-4 pm, Mon-Fri. 15400 Foothill Blvd, San Leandro 94578-1091.

AIDS/ARC Group at UCSF's Moffit Hospital: for persons recently diagnosed with AIDS or ARC who are presently in hospital for treatment of related illnesses, or under outpatient care at UCSF. Informal & confidential gathering to discuss problems, issues. Tues eves, 8-9 pm. Info: Richard Bornstein 929-7865, daytime hours only, do NOT call after 9:30 pm.

Transforming AIDS Project (TAP) is a holistic program designed for people with an AIDS diagnosis. Program provides thorough medical evaluation, acupuncture, chiropractic, nutritional & detox therapies; massage, counseling, support group, meditation & visualization guidance. Info: Leon Lashner, Susan Brennan, Nancy Issenman 268-8557 or Donald Arquilla 863-9507.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: transformative & healing weekend. Moves you past feeling like a victim of circumstances by reclaiming your innate power, self-love & aliveness. No PWA or PWARC turned away for lack of funds. Info: 553-2511.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention or social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care Program 777-CARE.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: crisis intervention, ongoing counseling & support, emergency financial assistance, referrals. Project especially reaches out to out-of-town family members who may lack a local support system. Also speakers' bureau on AIDS prevention. Coordinator: Andy Rose 567-8860. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $700/month, to help in emergency situations or to cover medical costs not covered by insurance or govt programs. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Program.

Asian AIDS Project: education, prevention, referral & community organizing. 1596 Post St, SF. Info: Douglas Yaranon, Peng Ngin 929-1304, 929-1305.

SF AIDS Theatregroup: a performance workshop for persons with AIDS or ARC. No experience required. No fees. Info: 282-3961.

Fort Help Counseling Ctr PWA/ARC group: focus on support, growth, self-healing. Mon morning mtgs, $5 donation requested, but not required. Info: Mike Cooke or Shelly Wald 546-7779.

Healing Group in the Castro: led by Jason Serinus & Fred MacKissic. Focus on alignment of mind, body & spirit. Utilizes deep relaxation, meditation, breathwork, group massage, visualization, affirmations, guided chakra meditation & laying on of hands. Wed eves. Doors open at 6:45 pm, mtg begins at 7 pm, sharp. Ctr for Self Love, Growth & Healing, 552 Castro St, Ste B, (bet

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AIDS Daycare Service Centers, Inc: provides seriously ill, but ambulatory AIDS/ARC patients with program of coordinated daytime care focused on individual client needs. Directed towards those who are not bedridden, but are confined indoors & should not be left alone during the day. Info: 391-2555.

Macrobiotic Cooking Classes in the Castro for people concerned about AIDS, ARC, candida & other health problems. Thurs, 6:30 pm. Taught by Gary Alinder, professional natural foods cook. Emphasis on tasty but easy-to-prepare meals. Info: 552-5449.

Master Your Mind: support group for PWAs & the worried well. Focus on meditation & visualization techniques, empowerment & health. Meets 1st & 3rd Tues every month, noon-2 pm, 333 Valencia St, SF, 4th floor. Not affiliated with the SF AIDS Fdn. Info: Mary Richards 945-0941.

AIDS Healing Alliance holds monthly wkshops/seminars to provide skills that support wellness. Emphasis on alternative therapies found to be successful by longterm survivors of AIDS/ARC who are healing their lives. Also available: "1st AIDS Pack" with relevant info. For details call 864-7820 or write AHA at PO Box 411421, SF 94141.

Healing Circle: creative approach, using rituals from various traditions. Particularly helpful for those who have ARC or are HIV positive. 8 pm Wed, Old Sears Bldg, Army/Valencia, SF. Donation. Info: Celia T-T 285-9342.

PAWS for PWAS (Pets Are A Wonderful Support for People With AIDS) provides services (dog walks, transportation to vets' appts & financial aid for pet food & supplies) to people with AIDS/ARC. Also assists in placement of pets in new homes, if necessary. Info: 626-7539.

Resources volunteer organization provides services for people with AIDS/ARC: food bank, clothing closet, reading/video library, housing referrals & assistance for other basic everyday needs. 597 Hayes St, SF 94102. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm. Info: 626-3560.

AIDS Information BBS: (415) 626-1246 24 hours. 300/1200 baud. Sysop Ben Gardiner. Free, all welcome. Statistics from Atlanta & SF displayed, updated regularly. Sample Q & A about AIDS, based on clinic & phone exchange experience. Mail send/receive on AIDS only. Library of hard-to-find & out-of-print matter here for downloading from screen. Uploads by appt on another line. Voice phone: 626-1245. Calls to this BBS never disturb anyone.

AIDS Books & Magazines available at the Harvey Milk Library. 3 wk loan. 3555 16th St, SF. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri, 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Info: 626-1132.

Expressive Art "Playshop" for people with AIDS/ARC. Explore different medium with the emphasis on expression rather than technique. Wkly, drop-in group. Eastbay location. Free. Info: Mariah 526-7694.

STEPS: Empowerment for People with AIDS/ARC or who are Antibody Positive. Group spons by the Cancer Support & Education Ctr of Menlo Park. In-depth, comprehensive program of massage therapy, individual counseling, visualization & relaxation training, nutritional & medical consultation. Info: 861-2255.

The VIP Group: a social group for PWAs, PWARCs and antibody positive people meets every Sun eve, 6-9:30 pm, at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Listing of personal ads available at mtgs. Info: Peter 337-1941.

ARC Drop-In Support Group spons by Operation Concern & the AIDS Health Project. Meets 6 pm Thurs at Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St (nr Sanchez), SF. Room 206. No fee, no adv reg. All persons with ARC welcome. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.

HIV Positive Support Group meets Wed 6-8 pm at Mission Crisis Service, 111 Potrero Ave (bet 15th & Alameda), SF. Led by James Tate, LPT, HW IV; and Joe Gonzales, MSW. Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project & Mission Crisis Service. Free. Info: 558-2071.

Women's Needs Ctr provides free, anonymous testing for the AIDS virus to women & their partners. To make an appt call 221-7371 9 am-5 pm Mon-Fri. 1825 Haight St, SF.

The Adult Immunology Clinic at Highland General Hospical (AICH) offers specialized outpatient services to adults with AIDS, ARC & HIV virus infection complications. SL fee. Clinic is open Wednesdays for appointments, call AICH 437-4805. 1411 E 31st St, Oakl. 3rd fl clinic bldg.

Community Healing Service East Bay interdenominational service for persons with AIDS/ARC & their caregivers. 3 pm, 2nd Sun of each month. Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th Ave (at Park), Oakl. Spons by AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay. Info: 482-3937.

PWA Support Group for persons with AIDS & ARC. Small groups held in a private practice setting, led by licensed psychologist living with AIDS. SL, insurance accepted. Info: Vincent Sofia, PhD 621-2962.

ARC Drop-In Support Group: meets 6 pm every Thurs at Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St nr Sanchez, SF. Free, no adv reg needed. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000. All persons with ARC welcome.

RDS AIDS Service Fund spons by Rainbow Deaf Society. Fund works to make AIDS, ARC & HIV positive-related services available to the deaf community. For info call 750-3594.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr provides support, counseling, AIDS info & referrals, workshops & drop-in services for people with AIDS/ARC or who are HIV positive; and their families, lovers & friends. Open 3-7 pm Mon, Wed & Fri. 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 686-DVAC.

► ARCHIVES

SF Lesbian Gay Historical Society collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to the Bay Area gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Join in this important work—call 441-1128 or write, SFBAGLHS, POB 42126, SF 94142.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Harvey Milk Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Info: 626-1132.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research maintains an archive open to the public by appt, call 928-0292 for info, also see AIDS Resources.

► FUN & GAMES

Play Bingo! And help raise funds for Coming Home Hospice. Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church Basement, 100 Diamond, bet 18th & 19th, SF. Doors open 6 pm, games start at 7. $3000 in cash prizes per night. Minimum buy-in: $10. Pull tabs, concession stand, door prizes & raffle. Spons by Most Holy Redeemer Neighborhood Support Group. Come have fun & help others.

Tour the Paramount! historic Paramount Theatre in Oakland is a restored art deco masterpiece—tour covers areas usually inaccessible to the public. Info: 465-6400.

SF Walking Tours: explore the waterfront by full moon, see the hidden gardens & stairways of Russian Hill, the murals of the Mission & embassies of Pacific Heights—free tours of SF neighborhoods by trained City Guides. For info or to arrange special group tours: 558-3981 Tues-Thurs 10 am-3 pm. Spons by Friends of the SF Public Library.

SF Friends of the Urban Forest Walking Tours: free tours thru 9 SF neighborhoods, designed to bring out relationship between the natural, historical & cultural of an area & its history, land development, architectural features, cultural influences & special events. Info: 543-5000. 512 2nd St, 4th fl, SF.

Quicktricks, nation's only gay duplicate bridge club holds open an open games Mon nights, beginners' game on Tues. 7 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka (bet 18th & 19th) St, SF. Info: 626-1049.

Men's Brunch & Games for Older Gay Men (60+) & their friends—see Seniors.

Men's Outings for Older Gay Men (60+) & friends—see Seniors.

► HEALTH

Women's Clinic at District Health Ctr#1 provides medical screening for cancer of the breast, thyroid & cervix, and STDs. Confidential. SL. 3850 17th St, SF. Hrs: Tues 8-10 pm, Thurs noon-2:30 pm, 4-6 pm. Info: 558-3905.

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. Hrs: Mon & Thurs 9:30 am-6 pm; Tues, Wed & Fri 8 am-4 pm. 356 7th St, SF. Mon-Fri. Info: 864-8100.

Men's Wart Clinic: treatment for penile & anal veneral warts in a gay sensitive atmosphere at Oakland Feminist Health Ctr. 2930 McClure, Oakland. SL fees for low-income. Fred Strauss of the Gay Men's Health Collective is the staff physician, for evening appt: 444-5676.

Quan Yin Acupuncture Ctr: experienced, licensed staff at Quan Yin Acupuncture & Herb Ctr offer acupuncture, homeopathy, Shiatsu massage, dietary counseling, Chinese & Western herbs. Sliding scale. Open 9 am-7 pm Mon-Fri, 9:30-1:30 on Sat. 513 Valencia St at 16th, SF. Info: 861-1101.

Min An "People's Well-Being" Health Ctr offers lesbian/gay sensitive primary care to the community. Western medicine: general medicine, gynecology & women's health, "2nd opinions", nutrition & exercise counseling, relaxation & meditation techniques. Traditional Chinese medicine: acupuncture & herbal medicine. Fresh herbal pharmacy. Dentistry: general, preventitive & aesthetic. Psychotherapy: adult, couples & family. SL, Ins & MediCal accepted. Info: 771-4040. 1144-A Pacific Ave nr Taylor, SF.

Fertility Awareness Classes for Women: offered at District Health Ctr #5, 1351 24th Ave, SF. Learn how to observe & interpret your body's changes during the menstrual cycle. Use info to achieve or prevent pregnancy. Info: 558-2544. Partners welcome to attend class.

Free Rolfing body screenings & postural analyses for gay men & lesbians, by Shimon Attie, MFCC, certified Rolfer. Tues/Thurs/Sat. Info/appt: 922-3478.

Yoga for Gay Men & for Everybody. Classes for beg. & exper. students: alignment, breathing awareness, guided relaxation. Series of 4 2-hr classes, $30. Info: Sequoia 841-6511.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services: gen'l medical care, gynecology, referrals. Special attention to the health needs of lesbians. WA, SL. 2480 Mission nr 21st St, SF. 641-0220.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides health care by & for lesbians. Mon 7-9 pm. Call for appt: 843-6194.

Women's Occupational Stress Resource Ctr: stress groups for women workers, resource library, referral service, workshops & lectures. 264 Valencia St, SF. Info: Barbara Young 864-2364.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: information & resource ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides drop-in support group for women with cancer (meets 1st & 3rd Mon of each month). Info: 653-9028 or write POB 11235, Oakl, 94611.

UC Infectious Disease and Tropical Medicine Clinic: specialized care for gay patients with sexually transmitted intestinal parasitic diseases. 5th floor, Ambulatory Care Clinic, 400 Parnassus, SF. Wed afternoons, 1-5 pm. Call 666-5787 for appt.

The Men's Clinic: VD testing, treatment, counseling & referral by & for gay men. Gay Men's Health Collective. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave, Berk; WA. Confidential. Info: 644-0425.

Explorations in Healing & Eroticism: Taoist, Tantric & Reichian approaches to sex & love. Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527-A Telegraph, Oak. Info: 653-1594.

Biofeedback Stress Reduction: call Shimon Attie, MA, MFCC for free consultation. Info: 922-3478.

SF Macrobiotic Network sponsors community dinners Tues & Fri, 6:30 pm; followed by talk or discussion on alternative health & spirituality. Zen Guest House, 273 Page St, SF. Info/res: 431-2122. $8 or SL fee.

Healing Group in the Castro, facilitated by Jason Serinus & Fred MacKissic. Focus on experiencing the alignment of mind, body & spirit which is the essence of all healing. Drop-in. Wed. Doors open at 6:45 pm, group begins at 7. Ctr for Self-Love, Growth & Healing, 552 Castro St, Ste B, bet 18th & 19th Sts, SF. Info: Jason 562-2180; Fred 344-8505.

► HOBBIES

Needlecraft & Fiber Arts for Lesbians: group for lesbians who enjoy knitting, needlepoint, quilting, spinning, embroidery, counted cross stitch, crocheting, etc. Meet 1st & 3rd Thurs each month, exchange ideas, techniques, encouragement & friendship. Also exhibit outings, demos, various speakers. Info: Lisa 824-7136.

Knit Together: textile interest group for gay men interested in spinning, weaving, knitting, quilting & other fiber arts. Share techniques, teach & meet others Info: Bruce 995-2899.

Gourmet Guppies: group of gay men & urban professionals interested in extraordinary food & fine wine. Dinners organized at Bay Area's finest restaurants. For info write PO Box 744, SF 94101.

Epicures Unlimited hosts wkly gourmet potlucks for gays & lesbians who enjoy cooking. Regular & vegeterian dinners on alternate Satur-

days. Info: Nikos 775-6143, 11 am-11 pm, or write Box 14051-C, SF 94114.
Like to Cook? Join this nonprofit cooking group, an easygoing group of people interested in food. Potlucks, prepard meals, restaurant visits, etc. Comfortable, casual setting. Group meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. Info: Steve 864-2236, 6-9 pm.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.
Gay/Lesbian PC Users Group meet on 2nd Sun of each month. Both experienced & novice PC users welcome. Info: Jim 334-9761.
Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet weekly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Dorit 285-6857, Amy 731-3918.
Women's Book Club monthly group mtgs. Discuss books by & about women. Info: 346-8284 days & eves.
Hortophiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call Geoff 325-7212 or Henrietta 793-6627.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, Bay Area chapter, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning about the hobby & group call Kit 863-1196 or write Lambda Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF 94114.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Solano County Gay Info Line Referrals & info on local & out-of-county happenings for men & women. (707) 448-1010.
SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project provides direct services for male victims of domestic violence: crisis intervention, 24-hr report hotline, criminal justice system advocacy, individual counseling, 8-wk support groups, referrals & emergency services. Spons by CUAV. Call 864-7233 for help. Free.
Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Info, referral, peer counseling. Info: 386-GAYS or POB 846, SF 94101.
Gay Youth Community Coalition publishes "We Are Here," guide listing of No. Calif resources for young lesbians & gays (13-25). For copy, send first class, stamped, self-addressed business size envelope, enclose statement saying that your age is 25 or under, sign name at bottom. Or enclose $2 check to Gay Youth Community Coalition, POB 846, SF 94101.
The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volun-teers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.
AIDS Alternative Healing Project Hotline. Info/referrals on alternative healing approaches, practitioners: see AIDS Resources.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Eileen Gillis 558-4901.
Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.
Southbay Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling. (408)293-4525. (408) 293-AGAY
Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.
Jewish Community Info & Referral (JCI&R): SF phone-in service answers questions on all aspects of Jewish life. Free. 9:30 am-4:30 pm; 777-4545.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers special clinics: gen'l rights counseling Mon 6:30-8:30 pm in the Haight, 1833 Page, SF. Downtown (660 California St) clinic specializes in evictions, Rent Board procedures & leases; Thurs 5:30-8:30 pm. Info/appt: 398-0724.
Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or needs services in exchange for housing? Options Homeshare counselors fulfill housing needs by matching seniors with seniors or younger persons with seniors. Women & men welcome. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info: 552-4549.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF on an information, referral & health promotion line located at SF's Dept. of Public Health. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033. The line number is 552-6016.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
Call GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) for info on services for lesbian & gay elders: friendly visitors, support/rap groups, social events, etc. Spons by Operation Concern, funded by SF Comm on the Aging. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
Peninsula Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling & resource guide available. Info: 979-8864.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Looking for a Job? 16-24? Call Job Track: 557-8651.
Spanish/English Employment Services for midlife & older women. Tues & Thurs 10 am-5 pm. Options for Women Over 40, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-6405.
Arthouse Phone Line: lists available live/work studio space in SF & the Bay Area. Joint project of Calif Lawyers for the Arts & SF Arts Commission. For current listings: 431-6113. To register or list available space: 431-0556.

► ONGOING CLASSES

Women's Yoga Class: release body tension, develop awareness & trust thru practicing the yoga postures. Iyengar style. Beginning level, ongoing classes. Tues 5:45-7:15 pm; Sat 8:15-9:45 am; 3252A 19th St, SF. New class open to women & men: Thurs 10-11:30 am; 455A Valencia St, SF. $35/5 classes, $8 drop-in. Info: Velleda 585-1592.
Iyengar Yoga Class with Rob Villacari. Emphasizes alignment & breathing. All levels welcome. $24/4 classes, $7 drop-in. Sliding scale. Mondays, 6:30-8 pm, 455-A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1141.
Yoga for Women: Postures, breathing, meditation. Tues, 6:30-8 pm, Thurs 6-7:30 pm, $6. Oakland location. Info: Ali Hammer 654-8765.
Orals Preparation for LCSW, MFCC: individual sessions. Experienced with both exams. Info: Margie Cohen, LCSW 524-0738.
Self Defense Class taught by Kris Andaregy,. for info call 861-3523. Also mace class can be scheduled thru UCSF police, info: Jackie 476-5683.
Spanish Conversation & Reading Sessions. All levels welcome. $8/group (you form them); $12 individual. Facilitator is SFSU graduate, has tutor certification & is a Mexican native. Open for trades of proofreading, massage, typing & art. Info: 654-6647.
Printing—Training & Job Placement: 12 wk course covers offset press operation & basic graphic arts. Info: Tyler Kirk or Matt Morano 285-3500, 648-5866 ext 34. Spons by Friends Outside.
Healing The Earth Bodywork Training: 150-hr state-approved certificate program focused for gay men & lesbians. Body Electric School of Massage & Rebirthing, 6527-A Telegraph, Oakl. Info: Joseph Kramer 653-1594.
Groundwork in Improvisation: Footloose dance classes & Jam w/ Mary Alice Fry incl guided warmups, skills to sharpen form/focus, informal presentations. Drop-in Tues, 6:30-9 pm, $7/class, $25/series of 4. Beginners welcome. All Saints Church Hall, 1350 Waller nr Masonic, SF. Info: 648-2310.
Clown Workshop: for development of the "personal clown" in the European tradition. Taught by Arina Isaacson, internationally recognized actress, clown & puppeteer. Info: 587-3301.
Singing For Life, ongoing singing classes for women w/ voice teacher-bodyworker Lynne Uretsky. Combines individual & group work. Wkly mtgs, Oakland location, SL. Info: 465-9306.
Music Play Group for Adults: emphasis on moving to new levels of vitality & creative expression thru sound & song, instruments, movement improv, writing, visualization & more. Info: Lynne Uretsky 465-9306.
Voice Release Wkshop for Women: breathwork, sounding, singing, improv, ritual. Emphasis on emotions/voice/body connections. Info: Yolande 654-5512.
Women's Rounds Circle meets Wed eves in Berkeley to sing Elizabethan, Spiritual, Folk & African rounds & canons. Rhythmically & harmonically exciting songs taught by Yolande Adams. 6 wks/$36-60 SL. Info: 654-5512.
Finding the Groove: group & individual classes in drums, congas, improv, composition, classical & jazz. Gentle guidance approach. Info: Joyce 843-8835.
Tayu Study Group: meets every Tues, 8 pm, Sebastopol. Spons by Tayu Fellowship—A Fourth Way Spiritual School. Drop-in class intro class includes Fourth Way meditation, readings & discussions. Info/directions: Tayu Order, Box 11554, Santa Rosa, CA 95406. (707) 829-9579.
Tarot Classes: new & traditional interpretations. Smith-Waite deck. Feminist, humanist, transpersonal approach. Beginners/intermediate. 15 yrs experience. Taught by Suzanne Judith. Info: 658-7797.
Autobiography Classes for Women: led by Wendy Maryott-Wilhelms. Use photos, dreams, scrapbooks, music, & writing exercises to inspire writing about your own life. 10-wk classes. Info/res: 654-8540.
Beginning Movement Dance Class for lesbians. Elmentary modern dance, creative improvisation. Safe, supportive atmosphere, no experience necessary. Wed 7:30 pm. Berkeley location. Info: 655-3960.
Ballroom & Latin Dance Class for lesbians & gay men. Wed: beginners 8:30-9:30 pm; intermediate 9:30-10:30 pm; in Studio 204. Thurs: beginners 7:30-8:30 pm; intermediate 8:30-9:30 pm; in Studio 214. 3435 Army St at Valencia (Old Sears Bldg), SF. Learn to lead or follow in cha cha, waltz, rumba, swing, merengue, fox trot, tango & more. Drop-in, $5/class. Info: 995-4962.
Study Group in Feminist Psychology: sensitive to women's experience & ethnic, racial differences. Learn from each other. Info: Mab Maher, PhD 647-2475.
Interested in Discussing feminist theory & literature with other lesbians? Call Ann 665-6746 (messages) or 548-4514 for info. Bimonthly meetings.
Group for Women: connect, empower, dis-cover how women are; learn to be courageous, powerful women. Mon, 7-9 pm. Info/directions: Marcie 221-1686 eves.
Women's Aikido School of SF: learn beautiful nonviolent martial art, develop & harmonize mind, body, emotions, spirit. All levels welcome, beginners encouraged. Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun classes. 670 South Van Ness (at 18th), SF. Info: Margie Leno 285-2388.
Soko Joshi Women's Judo Club: an interesting aspect of Japanese culture involving the arts of throwing, grappling & self-defense. Tues & Thurs; beginners, advanced & intermediate. $30/mo. Location: corner of 26th St & Castro. Info: 826-0566.
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Low-Impact Aerobics with Lena Venglinsky. Tues & Thurs, 6-7 pm, $4. High energy wkshops; safe, less jarring movement, certified instruction. Bring towel. Amelia's, 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 552-7788.
Jazz Dance & Fun Workout with Stathis Stratis. get a good workout, improve your posture, develop dance skills, express yourself to jazz, fusion, rock & soul music—and have fun! Supportive environment. Basic level class: Mon eves 6-7 pm. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg C, SF; room 390. Mixed level class: Wed eves 7-8:30 pm; 3435 Army St at Valencia, SF (in the old Sears Bldg, Studio 204, dial 031 to enter). For fee & other info: 431-4883.
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Gay Men's Sketch Class meets every Tues, 7-10 pm; 1229 Folsom St bet 8th & 9th, SF. Classical nude modeling with a variety of models. Open to gay men of any skill level, from interested novice to skilled fine artist. Bring your own materials, comfortable clothes. Tobacco-free environment. Models with something special to offer always welcome. For info call Mark 621-6294. $10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds.
Sunday Afternoon Sketch Group for Gay Men: informal drawing class. Sun 1-4 pm. Nude model provided. Suggested donation: $6. Info: 421-0316. Leave message.
Healing & Empowerment Series Class meets wkly to address the healing of body, mind & emotions, using deep trance visualization & other healing techniques. Facilitated by Sean Drake. 7:30 pm Fridays at Quan Yin Acupuncture Ctr, 513 Valencia St. SF. $5. Info: 861-5733.
Business Consulting Groups: business consultation in group setting. Tues & Wed, 2 hrs, $25/session. Women-only groups available. Info: Coletta Reid 824-4494.
Women/Minority Men: bi-weekly orientation class for getting into the trades & blue-collar work. Earn good money as plumbers, machine operators, electricians. Tues 3-5 pm, free. Info: Women in Apprenticeship 864-3255 or Sara Tuttle 282-3100.
Seth Discussion Group: discuss the Seth books & ideas. Wed eves, 7:30 pm. Info/location: Michael 753-0687.
Psychic Classes for Women: work with chakras, auras, energy blocks, spirit guides. Active, participatory. $10/class, negotiable. East Bay location. Info: 652-6355.
The Rainbow Ridge Cloggers teach beginning and advanced Appalachian clogging every Monday night, 7pm, at the John Simms Center, Mission & S. Van Ness, SF. $20 per month. Call Peter Hayne 469-7242, after 6pm, or leave message.
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► PARENTING

Lesbian & Gay Parents: groups & wkshops spons by Lyon Martin Clinic & Lesbian Rights Project. Lesbians considering parenthood, support groups for pregnancy & parenting, childbirth education classes. SF & EB locations. Info/reg: 525-7312.
Lesbian Mothers problem-solving group led by Lucy Fine, RN, MFCC candidate, lesbian mother. Deal with issues of bonding, individuation, impact of kids on relationships, assessing your child's growth, and more. Berkeley location. Info: 641-8551. Individual counseling also available.
Bay Area Gay Fathers, a support group for gay men who share the rich blessing of also being parents. Meets 1st Sun every month, 5-7 pm. New members welcome. Info: 841-0306.
Gay Fathers-North Bay: c/o Neil or John (707) 887-9538 or write POB 686, Forrestville, CA 95436.
Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a group for lesbians and gay men having (or interested in having) children in their lives. Info: Ron Wright 841-4622.
Lesbians Parenting Adolescents (young teens, pre-teens) support group meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month. 3-5 pm. Self-run group. Info: 821-4332.
Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies. Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbian Couples with Children: Oakland group for partners seeking support/problem-solving skills regarding having a child, or children in your relationship. Facilitated by lic. therapist. Info: Scotti 839-5354.
Latina Lesbian Mothers Support Group meets in Oakland. Info: 533-4531.
SF Lesbian Mothers' Group meets Saturdays. Moms of kids of any age welcome. Info: 863-7266.
Lesbian/Bisexual Mothers support/therapy group spons by Pacific Ctr. Sat, noon-2:30 pm. All women & their lovers/friends welcome. CC provided.

info: Gabriela Castello-Kramer 841-8242.
Info on Childbirth Classes for lesbians: leave message for Anne Arkin, CNM at 653-2849.
Childbirth Education by a lesbian mom for lesbians: SF location, small classes or private consultation. Info on hospital & home births. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, 826-4489.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective (12 years old & growing!) welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience NOT necessary. Info: 552-4929, 848-5966.
Art Goers: visit galleries, museums, studios, poetry/performance events, & special films with other women & men. Focus on modern & contemporary arts. Info: Tess 994-3002 or Richard 697-2830.
Temescal Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsals: 7:30 pm, Trinity Hall, 2320 Dana at Durant, Berkeley. Info: 843-1439.
Girlfriends Productions: provides quality entertainment, recreational & educational services for the women's community, including retreats, seminars. Info/volunteer: 654-9284.
Community Women's Orchestra: all women who play an orchestral instrument, read music & have some prior ensemble experience (high school band does count!) encouraged to dust off those instruments & sign up. CWO is an amateur ensemble spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. New members are welcome, especially in the string section. Rehearsals 7:30-9:30 pm, in SF. Info: 626-4888.
Lesbian Artists' Salon: group of artists meet monthly for conversation, inspiration & connection. Info: 848-8557.
Women Songwriters' monthly gathering/potluck. share songs, info, talk, food, jam. All styles welcome. Info: Judi or Tracy 731-7299.
Playwrights' Cooperative: associates desired with previous production experience, but no affiliation with a particular theatre. People with group experience & conflict resolution skills particularly desired—as well as multiple theatrical skills or desire to develop them. Info: 236-0754 during business hours.
SF Band Foundation Performance Groups Rehearsal Schedule: City Swing, Wednesdays; Flag Corp, Tuesdays; Marching Band & Twirling Corps, Tuesdays; Tap Troupe, Mondays & Wednesdays. All the avove groups meet 7:30 pm at Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St, SF. Vocal Minority meets Tues & Thursdays, 7 pm, at the home of director Bill Ganz, 296 Divisadero St, SF. Info: SF Band Foundation 621-5619. New members are always welcome.
Arthouse Phone Line provides info about live/work studio space for artists in the SF Bay Area. See Hotlines & Referrals.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (bet Post & Geary) SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7:30 pm, Fri-Sat noon-8 pm. Info: 433-STBS.
Noodlers! Used to play the clarinet, but... Get it back—it's yours! Join a women's clarinet choir—call Kate at 655-3383 for info.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Info: Jon Sugar 585-8814.

► POLITICAL

Stonewall Gay Demo Club meets 7:30 pm, first Mon of each month at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF.
East Bay Lesbian/Gay Demo Club meets monthly in Oakl & Berkeley. For location & other info, call Don 527-0801.
Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Demo Club meets every 2nd Mon at 7:45 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-3296. Join & help in the fight to protect the rights of lesbians & gay men.
Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Demo Club gen'l mtg: every 4th Tues of month, 7:30 pm, Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 285-4742.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcome interested people. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 547-7251.
Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post #448: a veterans' organization of gays, lesbians and straight people of various races & ethnicities working together in harmony. Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm at the Veteran's Bldg, Rm 213, 401 Van Ness, SF. Info: 431-1413 or 824-3907.
Freedom Democratic Caucus: a political alliance of lesbians & gay men serving Santa Cruz County. Info: POB Box 7293, Santa Cruz, 95061-7293.
SF Jewish Sanctuary Coalition supports efforts to aid refugees seeking safe haven in the US. Info: POB 411391, SF 94141-1391; or call 922-6946, 282-2636.
Committee to Preserve Our Sexual & Civil Liberties. Open to all persuasions. Info: 771-4077 ext 4567.
Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) meets 1st Mon of each month, 7:15 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. New members welcome. Info: 821-9087.
Free Sharon Kowalski Committee works to aid Karen Thompson in her fight to gain custody of her disabled lover. Monthly mtgs. Info: 486-1746.
Community Health Coalition represents a wide range of organizations concerned with gaining affordable & accessible health care services for San Franciscans. Individuals & groups welcome to join. Info: 552-8800.
AIDS Action Pledge meets every Thurs, 7:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Join us!

► SENIORS

Tea Dance & Social for older lesbians (60 & over) and friends. Enjoy refreshments in a beautiful garden. Last Sun of each month., call GLOE for exact time. Francis of Assissi, 145 Guerrero St nr Market, SF. Bring refreshments to share, donations appreciated. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
Men's Brunch for older gay men (60+) & friends. Noon-3 pm, 2nd Sun of each month. St Francis of Assisi Community Ctr, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by GLOE. Info: 626-7000.
Men's Support Group for older gay men (60+). 7-8:30 pm, every Mon. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE. 1853 Market St, SF. Call 626-7000 for info.
Writers Workshop for Lesbians & Gay Men (50+) spons by GLOE. Every Wed, 6-8 pm, at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info 626-7000.
Men's Support Group for older gay men (60+). 7-8:30 pm, every Mon, at Operation Concern, 1853 Market ST, SF. Spons by GLOE. Info: 626-7000.
Bereavement Support Group for Senior Gay Men: you don't have to be alone in your grief. Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers emotional support as well as practical assistance to gay men who are grieving the recent death of a lover or close friend. Info: George 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Wednesday Matinees spons by Operation Concern's Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders & North of Market Senior Services. Afternoon of movies, games & refreshments. 2:15-4 pm, free. 363 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or need services in exchange for housing? See hotlines & referrals.
Legal Clinics for Gay & Lesbian Seniors: had problems with Medicare, housing, social security or other legal issues? Operation Concern's GLOE program & Legal Assistance to the Elderly spons a monthly intake site at Operation Concern (1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF) where lesbian & gay seniors can meet with an LAE attorney to discuss specific legal issues. First Friday of every month, 10 am-noon. Prior apppointment necessary, call GLOE 626-7000 or LAE 861-4444 to set up an appt or for more info on services.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 495 Ellis St #164, SF 94102 or call 820-2597. 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Promethius: The Man's Alternative, non-fee, safe social/support group for masculine, in-shape athletes, bodybuilders, professionals 20s to 40s. Meet men with traditional values & straight behaviors. Varied activities & events. Info: 648-1860 or write P.O. 316, 1070 Church St, SF 94114.
The Fraternal Order of Gays: 304 Gold Mine Dr, SF. Ongoing activities. Call 641-0999 or write for calendar of activities.
Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once monthly in the S.

Bay for a potluck. Open to all women who want to make new contacts & renew old ones. Info: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.

Hyacinthus, group for lesbians & gay men of Greek ancestry. Info: Box 14022, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Social: held 2nd Fri of each month. 7:30-11 pm, Eastbay location. Free, all encouraged to bring snack or beverage to share. Everyone expected to speak in Spanish. Native speakers & learners welcome. Info: Walter 776-7476; Valentin 538-4980.

Mediterranean Lesbians & Gays: social/cultural group for gay women & men with roots in Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, or Yugoslavia. Info: MLG, Box 14051, SF 94114 or Nikos 775-6143 bet 11 am-11 pm.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who obtained 12 or more units at any UC campus. Annual membership: $10. For info & to get on mailing list (cofidentiality assured), call 547-2200.

Men's Social Group of Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church meets 3rd Sun of each month, 6:30 pm. For info/location: 827-2960.

Grupo Sociocultural Espanol. Tenemos nuestra reunion el segundo Viernes de cada mes. El grupo es para Damas y Caballeros que hablan Espanol. Para mas informacion llamen a Walter 776-7476 o Roberto 550-6619.

The VIP Group, a social group for PWAs, PWARCs & antibody positive people meets every Sun eve, see AIDS Resources for details.

HIV + Social Club: optimists meet in SF location for sharing, potluck, social—see AIDS Resources.

Lesbians at the Movies: an almost-monthly event for women over 30. Come watch a film, meet someone new, have some fun. Bring your favorite snack to share. Meetings in the Eastbay & in SF. For info/directions: 534-9232.

► SPIRITUALITY

AIDS Ecumenical Healing Services: see AIDS Resources.

Ahavat Shalom, lesbian, gay & bisexual synagogue. Shabbat services 8:15 pm, Fridays. MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. 621-1020.

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, EB location. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 653-8745, 531-5465.

Feminist Minyan (Jewish Prayer Group) in SF: a new minyan for feminist women & men: uses unique blend of traditional prayer with inclusive imagery & language. Rabbi Charisse Kranes & Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. 10 am service. For info/location: Rabbi Kranes 285-5640 or Linda Hirschhorn 654-0799.

Gay Men's Faery Circle comes together Thurs at 8 pm—bring instruments & energy! Info/location: Telefaery 648-6064.

Angel Group meets 7:30 pm, Oakland parlor sanctuary. Share Angel stories, literature, art & music. Discussion, guided meditation, candlelight ceremony. Women & men of all religious backgrounds welcome. Winged Goddess/Deva/Fairy orientation. Led by Suzanne Judith, Spiritual Guide. Info: 658-7797.

Sunday's Women: a Dianic gathering in SF dedicated to the Goddess in her many guises. 3rd Sun of each month, 11:30 am at Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. Different Goddess speakers each month, mini-rituals. See Main Calendar for details. Info: 444-7724.

Tayu Fellowship, a Fourth Way Spiritual School. Box 11554, Santa Rosa, 95406. Info: (707) 829-2579.

Emergence/SF: support group for Christian Scientists. Meets Fri, 7:30 pm. For location/info: 485-1881.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Acceptance: Southern Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

Baptist: American American Baptists Concerned (a gay/lesbian caucus) meets first Sun of each month (except summer). Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To be on mailing list send $7 to ABC, 870 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For more mtg info: 465-2778, 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 10 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: Acceptance 843-9705, 626-5034.

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons meets every Sun at 7 pm, SF and/or EB location. Discussion groups, socials, speakers. Info or to receive newsletter: 641-0791.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist, Sun 5:30 pm, St Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave (bet Jones & Leavenworth) SF. SIGN. 584-1714.

Dignity/East Bay: Lesbian/Gay Catholics celebrate positive liturgy on 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month, 6pm; University Christian Church "Annex," 2401 LeConte, Berk. Raps, social events, too. Info: 547-1730.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns: nurture, study, worship, social events for Presbyterians in greater Bay Area. Info: Dick & Craig 268-9534.

Community of the Love of Christ: worship with an Ecumenical Catholic Church-Community celebrating the unconditional love of God for all people. Sunday & midweek house Eucharist, SF & EB locations. Info: 864-2799(SF), 236-3820(EB).

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Sun worship services at 48 Belcher St, SF. 12:30 pm & 7 pm. 558-0441.

SF MCC Sun worship services, 10:30 am & 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. CC provided for 10:30 am service. Info: 863-4434.

Women's Gatherings: time for spirituality & sharing. 7:30-9 pm every 4th Mon of month. CC provided. Spons by MCC-SF. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 5 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

Maranatha MCC worship service, Sun 6 pm, Starr King Unitarian Church, 22577 Bayview St, Hayward. Also open rap group Wed, 7 pm. 881-5649.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Holy Trinity Community Church of San Jose, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)292-3071.

SF Quaker Meeting, 11am on Sundays. 2160 Lake St (at 23rd Ave). Info: 752-7440.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily. 5am-5:50am & 6pm, M-F. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

MCC Santa Rosa, a Christian church family of gay/lesbian people, meets Sundays, 11 am; 515 Orchard St. Info: (707) 546-8106.

Gay & Lesbian Mass: lesbian & gay affirming worship. All welcome. Nonsexist language. Healing prayers offered each [redacted] SF. Info: David Bentley 431-5859.

Women-in-Integrity: women's ministry within a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Special women's focus at mass every 3rd Sun (see above). Info: Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

A Course In Miracles: ongoing group meets Wed 7:30-9 pm. 740 Baker St, SF. Info: 921-3774.

The Parsonage: ministry of the Episcopal Church in the lesbian & gay community. Houses 12-Step groups & AIDS Hope & Help Ctr. Programs include: prison ministry, parish outreach, newsletter ($10 per year), personal growth training classes & more. Info: 552-2909.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Seventh-Day Adventists: SDA Kinship Int'l, support group for gay/lesbian Adventists & friends. Local chapter has weekly "family nights" & monthly potlucks/socials. Location varies. Info: Marcus 661-9912, Vern 626-6240.

Tayu Study Group: see Ongoing Classes for details.

Affirmation: meets Sundays, 7pm, to discuss issues of concern to gay/lesbian Mormons. Details on events, locations, available by calling 641-4554.

Friday Socials at the Parsonage, an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Church. 7:30-9 pm, 555-A Castro St, SF. Learn more about the ministry, meet gays, lesbians & straights working to reconcile spirituality & sexuality in their own lives. Info: Parsonage 552-2909.

Eastern Orthodox: Holy Ascension Mission. Liturgy: Sun 10 am. 1671 Golden Gate #2, SF. Also weddings, unions, visiting of the ill. Info: 563-8514.

Santa Rosa Gay Men's Sitting Meditation Group: 8 pm Wed. Info: (707) 526-6618.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers of Meher Baba welcome you to our gatherings. Info: Larry 441-7008 or Jim 753-6761.

Wed Night Meditation & Healing Circle: experience the peace & grace of the moment. Goddess/God consciousness, visualization, breathwork. 7:30 pm. 1296 Haight #25, SF. Info: 864-5483.

► SPORTS

SF Track & Field practice sessions: Sun 10:30 am, open to men & women of all ages & abilities. Prepare for Gay Games III now—call Rick 641-1786 for info.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sun of each month (after Run). Info: Jim 922-1435 or Margaret 821-3719.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin Sat at 9:30 am, followed by socializing & food. CC available. Info: Jill 526-7315, Mary Ann 526-3506, Ray 261-3246.

Women On Wheels (bike club) offers short & long distance recreational & touring rides. For details write: WOW 175 11th Ave, SF 94118.

Different Spokes, a bicycle club for lesbians & gays, with participation open to all. All levels welcome. Decide & Rides every Sat, 1 pm, Sun 10 am at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. Monthly newsletter lists scheduled rides. Gen'l mtg 1st Tues of each month: 7 pm at Park Branch Public Library, 1833 Page ST, SF. Info/newsletter: write PO Box 14711, SF 94114-0711 or call 771-0677 (24 hrs). Join us!

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, POB 421273, SF 94142-1273.

Wilderness Women offer monthly excursions for women. Day hikes & longer trips. Info: Wilderness Women, 5329 Manila Ave, Oakland CA 94618 or call 658-2196.

"Box-Aerobics" Anyone? Closet Rocky's wanted for non-competitive, no contact/impact fun Saturday workouts. No experience, anyone welcome. Info: A1 Rick the Singing Plumber 755-2348.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Golden Gate Wrestling Club: meets 7:30 Tues, 172 Prentiss St, SF. All ages, weights, skill levels represented. Freestyle wrestling. Info: Gene 821-2991.

Gay Tennis Federation: lesbian & gay tennis club. All levels of play welcome. Monthly mtg 7:30 pm, 3rd Mon of each month at Community Rentals, 470 Castro St, SF. Info: Tom Kelly 552-9595 or write: GTF, 2215-R Market St, Ste 109, SF CA 94114.

Mountain Dykers: very informal rides for lesbians with mountain bikes. Leave message: 658-2028.

X-ta-C Cross Country Ski Club for gay & lesbian cross-country skiers sponsors ski trips & special Learn to Ski days in the Sierras. Also monthly parties, brochure, newsletter. All welcome, especially beginners. Info: 995-2736.

BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program provides & promotes recreation, sports & fitness by & for physically disabled people: wilderness trips, wheelchair sports (sponsor of the local women's wheelchair basketball team—the Bay Area Meteorites), children & youth programs, older adults program. Info: 849-4663 voice/TDD.

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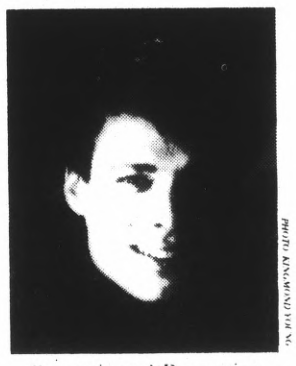
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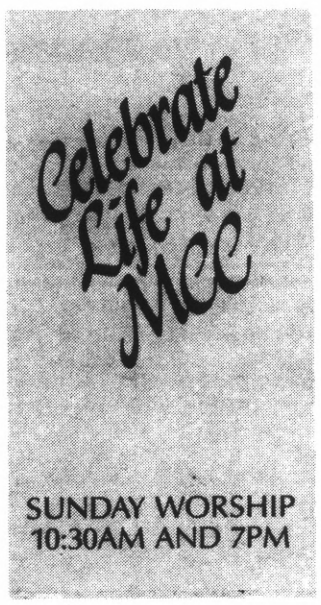


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THIS	WOMEN'S BRUNCH Sun, Apr 10, 1 pm
	COMMUNITY WORSHIP Sun, Apr 17, 8:30 am
MONTH	FESTIVAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION; REV. NANCY WILSON Sun, Apr 17, 10:30 am
	18th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AT SUTTER'S MILL; TIX: 863-4434 Sun, Apr 17, 5 pm
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► SUBSTANCE ADDICTION/ CO-ADDICTION

Lesbians in Recovery from drug & alcohol dependency: therapy groups at the Iris Project for women 21 days substance-free, 1st 6 months substance-free, & 12-16 months substance-free. Also groups for recovering lesbians of color, incest survivors, and adult daughters of alcoholics. Info: 864-2364.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA mtgs at 18th St Services, Sat 11:30 pm. 2152-B Market St, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous mtg. All Saints Church, 1350 Waller St, SF. Beginner's mtg Mon 7:15-7:45 pm; reg mtg Mon 8-9:15 pm. WA. Info/list of SF AA mtgs: 661-1828.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous mtg, Most Holy Redeemer Church, 117 Diamond St, SF. Wed 8-9 pm. 661-1828.

Al-Anon for Gay Men and Women meets Tues, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Al-anon is made up of people who have been deeply affected by alcoholism in a family member, lover or friend, who meet to share experience, strength & hope in dealing with common problems. Info/list of SF Al-Anon mtgs: 626-5633

Adult Children of Alcoholics for Gay Men: Al-Anon Family Group meets Thurs, 8 pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-5633.

Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step program for lesbians & gay men meets 8 pm Wed at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 824-9474.

Al-Anon People of Color ACA Lesbian/gay Family Group meets Fri, 7:30 pm, 225 30th St bet Church & Dolores, SF. Info: 626-5633.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: 12-step fellowship for batterers based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Wed 6:30-7:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wed, 8-9:30 pm; SF Home Health Service, 225 30th St, rms 225/226, SF. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 665-0851.

Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous mtg: 8-9:15 pm at MCC, 150 Eureka St (at 18th), SF. Newcomers mtg 1st Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm.

Gay Overeaters Anon helps you to stop eating compulsively. Mtg 8 pm Thurs, Central United Methodist Church, Belcher & 14th St, SF.

Alcoholics Anon Mtgs at The Parsonage, 555-A Castro St, SF. Sundays, 11 am & 8 pm; Mondays, 6 & 8:30pm; Fridays 6 pm & midnight; Saturdays: 8:30 & 10:30 pm & midnight. Info: 552-2909.

AIDS-Related AA at The Parsonage, 555-A Castro St, SF. Sun, 5pm; Mon, noon; Wed, 6pm; Fri, noon. Info: 552-2909.

AIDS/ARC/HIV + Gay Support Group—see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern.

Gay Young People's AA at The Parsonage, 555-A Castro St, SF. Sat, 4pm. Info: 552-2909.

AA Mtgs at the Parsonage: Sun 10:30 pm, Wed 11 pm, Tues 6 pm. Info: 552-2909.

Cocaine Anon: gay/lesbian (all welcome). Thurs, 7:30 pm, MCC, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: 563-2358.

Narcotics Anon Mtg at The Parsonage, 555-A Castro St, SF. Tuesdays, 8:30pm. Info: 552-2909.

Narcotics Anon Mtgs for Gay Women & Men at 18th St Services, 2152 B Market St (nr Church), SF. Fri 6 pm; Sat 6 pm; Sun 10:30 am, 6 pm, 8:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 861-4898.

Narcotics Anon mtg at Diablo Valley MCC, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. 8 pm. Info: 827-2960.

Narcotics Anon mtg at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Sun, 7:15 pm.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Smokers Anon mtgs at The Parsonage, 555-A Castro St, SF. Thursdays, 6:15pm. Info: 522-2909.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30 includes all materials. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon (SLAA) SF mtgs at the Parsonage: open mtg Fri, 7:30 pm, men's mtg at 10:30 pm; Women & men's mtg Sat, 6 pm. 555-A Castro St, SF.Parsonage. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Gay Men Co-Dependents Group. Do you have a lover, friend or relative who has a problem with alcohol and/or drugs? Get support for them & you. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Gay Men's Co-Dependency Group: if you are or have been involved with a lover or friend with alcoholism or an addiction, you may benefit from the support of others who've been there, too. Tues & Wed eve groups. Info: Tom Moon 386-6791, or Michael Graves 824-8047.

Co-Dependency Counseling for gay men whose lover or "significant other" has a problem with drugs or alcohol. 18th Street Services, 2152 B Market St, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Co-Dependency Group for Lesbians meets Fri, 7-8:30 pm, SF location. Led by licenesed therapist. Info: 621-4353.

Gay/Bi/Adult Children of Alcoholics Group: have trouble trusting others, expressing emotions, or having intimate relationships? Recovery leads to getting more out of life. A supportive therapy group can help bridge the past & the present. Info: Dan Joy, LCSW; 285-6067.

Recovery Counseling for individuals & couples wanting to take their 12-step work to a deeper level. For free telephone consultation, call Adrian Bruce Tiller, MS; 346-2399.

Gay Men Drop in Education Group for Gay Men dealing with issues around alcohol, drugs & sex. Tuesdays 6-7:30pm. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.

Al-Anon for Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics: Wed 7:30-8:45 pm, SF Home Health Services Bldg, 225 30th St, SF. Info: 626-5633.

Marin Al-Anon for gay men & women: Wed 8:30 pm, Mill Valley Community Church Library, Olive at Throckmorton, Mill Valley. Info: 924-3430.

Adult Children of Alcoholics: ongoing therapy groups in SF & Berkeley, daytime & evening. Info: Judy Wohlberg, MFCC, 641-1243.

Lesbian Adult Child of Alcoholics (ACA) Group at Operation Concern. 12 wk group runs thru 5/2. Mondays 4-5:30 pm. SL fee. Info/intake: Betsy Kassoff or Genny at 626-7000.

Getting On With Life: group for women with a minimum of 2 years 12 Step recovery. Addressses making hopes & dreams a reality. East Bay location. Thurs 3-4:15 pm, $15/wk. Info: Thana Christian, LCSW 547-1779.

X-Potheads Are Fascinating People: Women's Support Group meets Sunday eves at 7:30 pm. Call 334-8670 for info/location.

Women's Co-Dependency Group meets Tues, 5:30-6:45 pm, Oakl location. For women attracted to people who can't meet their needs, who stay in relationships when unhappy, who are from dysfunctional families. $15/wk. Info: 547-1779.

Women's 12-wk ACA Groups: introduces adult children of alcoholics to complete understanding of codependency, work & relationship issues, & how to begin recovery. East Bay location. Info: Thana Christian, LCSW 547-1779.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Therapy Group offered by Lifestyles Counseling Associates, 91 Gregory Lane, Ste 17, Pleasant Hill. Led by Pat Hart, MFCC. Info: 687-6706.

Substance Abuse Treatment for persons w/AIDS, spons by 18th St Services—see AIDS Resources.

Gay Men: Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counseling spons by 18th St Services: individual & group counseling, sliding scale fees. Info on gay substance abuse problems. 2152 B Market St, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Gay Support Group for people with alcohol/substance abuse issues. Individual & group process. Spons by Operation Concern's Operation Recovery, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men in Chemical Dependency and/or ACA Recovery: well-established private therapy group for gay men wishing to add more meaning & dimension to their recovery programs. Members work on relationships, ACA relief, codependency, fear of intimacy, trust, self-esteem, depression, sexual & career concerns & other issues. Professional, confidential & caring. Info: John Beeman, MA, MFCCI, #8491; 626-6196.

Women's Early Recovery Group for addicts & alcoholics in their first year of sobriety. East Bay location. 12 Step mtgs required. Tues 3-4:15 pm, $15/wk. Info: Thana Christian, LCSW 547-1779.

Lesbian Couples in Recovery Group: for couples where one or both partners are in a 12-step recovery program. Focus: using programs tools to deal with relationship issues—intimacy fears, boundaries, sexuality, etc. 12-wk groups meet Mondays in Oakl, 7:30-9:30 pm; Wednesdays in SF, 8-10 pm. Info: Chris Peters 531-8565.

Additional Gay/Open SF AA Mtgs: Mondays—noon & 5:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell St at Leavenworth; 8 pm at Trinity Church, 1668 Bush St at Gough. **Tuesdays**—8 am, Trinity Church, 1668 Bush at Gough; noon at 90-9th St at Mission, 623 O'Farrell at Leavenworth, 1710 Golden Gate Ave at Divisadero (Acceptance House); 5:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell at Leavenworth; 8 pm, 1668 Bush at Gough; 8:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell St at Leavenworth. **Wednesdays**—noon, 623 O'Farrell St at Leavenworth; 5:30 & 8:30 pm 623 O'Farrell St at Leavenworth; 8:30 pm 90-9th St at Mission. **Thursdays**—noon, 623 O'Farrell St & 261 Fell St at Gough; 5:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell St; 8:30 pm at Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, 623 O'Farrell, Sacred Heart Church, 546 Fillmore St at Oak, Church of the Advent, 261 Fell St at Gough. **Fridays**—noon, 623 O'Farrell; 12:10 pm, 536 Mission St at 1st (rm 250); 5:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell; 7 pm, 1668 Bush St at Gough; 8:30 pm at 117 Diamond St (upstairs), 261 Fell St at Gough, & 1668 Bush St. **Saturdays**—10:30 am, 555A Castro St; 6:30 pm, 150 Eureka St; 7 pm, 1710 Golden Gate Ave at Divisadero; 8:30 pm, 555-A Castro St & 623 O'Farrell. **Sundays**—10:30 am & noon, 623 O'Farrell; 2 pm, 150 Eureka St; 5:30 pm, 623 O'Farrell; 8 pm, 555A Castro St; 8:30 pm, 261 Fell St & 623 O'Farrell.

Additional Gay/Lesbian SF Mtgs: Thurs—(open) 6 pm, 150 Eureka St; 8:30 pm (closed), 150 Eureka St.

Closed (alcoholics only) Gay Mtgs: Wed—12:10 pm, YMCA, 166 The Embarcadero at Mission. Thurs—8:30 pm, 150 Eureka St, SF. Sat—10:30 am, St Francis Church Conference Rm, 152 Church at Market; 4 pm, 555A Castro St.

Closed Women's Mtgs: Tues—6 pm, 1010 Valencia St nr 21st. Thurs—6:30 pm at the Presidio, Bldg 1051, Edie & Kennedy Sts & at Dolores St Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th (ring bell).

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Rap Group for Gay Men at Pacific Ctr, Mon 7:45pm & Tues 8pm. Followed by coffee & social hour for Gay/Bi men. Men welcome to attend either/both activities. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bisexual Women's Rap: you don't need to be bisexual but you MUST be female & willing to discuss bisexuality & related issues. WA & SIGN. Wed, 8-9:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether they consider themselves bisexuals or not. BABN is dedicated toward building the bisexual community & creating a movement for diversity & tolerance. Info: 865-4927 or write 48 Shattuck Square #142, Berkeley 94704.

Nat'l Bisexual Network: clearinghouse for news & info articles, pro & con, on bisexuality. Resource guide. Helps promote bisexual rights. Info: Lani Kaahumanu 821-3534.

Bisexual Significant Others Group meets Sun, 7-9 pm. For women & men, regardless of sexual preference. Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Lesbian Drop-in Rap: for women over 40. Lesbians of color welcome! Wed 6-8 pm. Options Ctr 431-6405.

Japanese Lesbian Group—see Third World.

Bisexual Women's & Men's Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Substance Addiction/Co-Addiction.

Women's Cancer Support Group: drop-in group; place to meet, share thoughts & feelings, discuss issues with other women who have or have had cancer. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, 6:30-8 pm, Old Providence Hospital, 5th floor, Alameda County Unit of the American Cancer Society, 3100 Summit, St, Oakland. Facilitated by Jackie Winnow & Regina Quemere, MSN. $5

donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. WA. Info: 658-8149, 653-9028.
Family Cancer Program at SF's Mt Zion Hospital offers support, info & coping skills to kids & adolescents whose parents have cancer. Info: Janine Nesset 775-5921.
Married Gay & Bi Men's Rap Group meets Wed at 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berk. Drop-in. Info: 841-6224.
SF SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians—close to or over 30) meets for biweekly potluck/social group every 2nd & 4th Sun. Drop-in. Info: 647-0413.
East Bay SOL group for women over 30. Thurs, 7:30 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.
Lesbians Over 40: SOL too young? A touch (or a whole lot) of gray turn you on? Come to a drop-in rap at Options Ctr, Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Wed 6-8 pm. Info: 431-6405.
Transvestites & Transexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr. Info: 841-6224.
Transsexual Support Group: Tues 8-9:45 pm. Drop-in. Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Gay Men's Support Group in Fairfield. Raps & socials, Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info: (707) 448-1010 or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice, activities for Federal Employees. Mtg 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6pm. SF. Info: 695-9174.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Bay Area Career Women: professional org. for lesbians that offers support, educational opportunities, contacts & more. Info: 495-5393.
Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: Angie or Deborah 864-2364.
Incest Survivors Anonymous: We are no longer alone, we have each other. Incest Survivors Anonymous is a 12-step program that enables incest survivors to break out of the victim role & the nightmare of terror, guilt & confusion. Closed mtg for survivors & pro-survivors. Original perpetrators of incest or rape or victims who later became initiators do not attend ISA mtgs. Initiation is determined by intent. Mtgs for women & men: Sun 7-8:30 pm; Tues & Thurs 7:30-9 pm. For women: Sat, 11 am-12:30 pm. Info: 359-2070 anytime.
Partners of Disabled Lesbians: 12-wk support group for lesbians who partners of women with chronic illness, hidden or physical disabilities. Wed eves 5:45-7 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. Info: Daryl or Nathalie, 626-7000.
Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather: this group is for you! Call 654-1591 or write: POB 20365 Oakland 94620.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. 2nd Thurs of each month. 8 pm. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather? Call: 654-1591 or write POB 20365 Oakl, 94611.
S/M Lesbian Support/Discussion group. No perfumes or scents. Info/location: 668-4622.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 665-5216 or write: ETVC, POB 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Oakland/East Bay Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG) holds support groups for parents, relatives & friends of lesbian & gay people. Each 4th Tues. Info: Betty McCall 547-4657.
Berkeley PFLAG: 1st Wed of each month. Info: Ann 486-0534.
SF PFLAG: 2nd Sun each month, 2 pm. St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF (enter gate left of church). All welcome. Info: Mary 928-2748.
Mid-Peninsula PFLAG meets 3rd Thurs of each month at University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. 7:30 pm. Info & support for families & friends of gay men & lesbians. Info: Verda 854-0142.
Diablo Valley PFLAG meets every 3rd Tues, Diablo Valley MCC, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: POB 2174, Martinez, 94553 or call 372-9014.
Southbay PFLAG meets 2nd Wed of each month, San Jose location. Info: Nancy (408) 270-8182.
Marin PFLAG: welcomes & supports parents, spouses, siblings, friends & lesbians & gays to its mtgs. 2nd Wed of every month, 26 Kensington Ct, San Anselmo. Info: 479-3535.
Support Group for Battered Gay Men If you are being abused or have been abused in the past, call the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. Free, 8 wk support group led by licensed psychotherapist. Tues 7:30-9:30 pm, 514 Castro St, SF. Call us, we can help. Info: 864-3112.
Lesbians Who Have Been Battered: group for lesbians who are in or hve left a battering relationship. Thurs eves, Oakl location. Led by Audrey Martin, MFCC. Info: 428-1505.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Lesbians of Color Against Abuse (LOCAA): support group for lesbians of color who have been or are now victims of abusive relationships with other lesbians. Info: Rhonda 621-8684.
Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.
Women's Employment Program spons by Rosalie House: counseling & support for battered & formerly-battered women—personal growth wkshops & employment workshops. Free. SF locations—close to BART & MUNI. Childcare & transportation assistance available. Info: Carmela or Jeanette 584-1163.
BANGLE, Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators, meets 3rd Thurs of each month, 6:30 pm, 655 14th St, SF. Info: Rob 864-4099, Barbara 285-5078.
BANGLE East Bay meets 7-8:30 pm, 5030 Golden Gate Ave, Oakl. Info: 547-2200.
Peninsula Women's Group, a support & networking group for lesbians, meets every Wed at 7:30 pm, United Church of Christ on Arroyo St, San Carlos. For info/calendar, call Diane 349-5189.
Coming Out Support Group for Women. Drop-in. Thurs, 6-7:30 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Bad Girls Rap Group spons by COYOTE. Any woman stigmatized on the basis of class, sexual orientation, activity or expression, etc is welcome. 3rd Wed of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm. Turning Earth Restaurant, 13 Columbus Ave, SF. Info: Gloria 232-7762 (leave message).
SF/Bay Area Phobia Society: help for phobia sufferers & their friends. Provides place to share feelings, goals, discuss progress. Info: 324-2630.
East Bay Lesbian Rap: fun, relaxed atmosphere—come make new friends! Tues, 8-9:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Ana or Barbara 548-8283.
Gay Men's Support Group: SF location. Tuesdays, ongoing. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Seeks new members open to sharing & working together in a structured setting. Info: Ja 626-6396.
Native American Lesbian Support Group—see Third World.
Racially Mixed Lesbians Support Group—see Third World.
Women with Seriously Ill or Disabled Parents: free support group. Discuss love, grief, joy; limit-setting, care-taking. Eastbay location. Info: 547-7734.
Depression Support Group in the East Bay. All welcome. Warm, supportive, growth-oriented. No fee, donations accepted. Info: call Lori 658-3980.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.
Leathermen's SM Support Group: discuss issues & problems with others in the lifestyle. Safe place for those curious about SM, but afraid to ask or experience the reality. At MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF, alternate Mondays.
Sonoma Co Leathermen SM Support: Russian River group meets Thurs, 7 pm. Safe haven to discuss, shere, meet. Bring non-perishable food to support the AIDS Food Bank. Info/location (707) 887-2697.
Russian River SM Rap group meets in Forrestville. Safe haven to discuss topics, share info. Call (707) 887-2697 or write PO Box 563, Forrestville.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Applied Meditation Support Group with Margo Adair: pool psychic resources to combat isolation, energize realities, strategize to attain goals. Guided meditation. Group conducted with awareness of the political context of our lives. Women-only & men-only groups. Call 861-6838 for dates/times.
Southern Women's Alliance: informal support group of relocated progressive southern women. Monthly potluck. Good food & good company. New folks welcome. Info/location: Jeanne 891-9410.
Italian-American Lesbians Unite: Una Famiglia provides support, addresses the cultural & political concerns of Italian American & Sicilian American lesbians, and the difficulties of resisting assimilation into Anglo culture. Need a pasta fix? Call Janet 654-3531 (Oakl) or Rose 863-8147 (SF).
Coming In... A Support System for Being Out as Lesbians: wkly support group offers a safe place to stimulate, sustain & romote your personal power & quality of life as a lesbian. Meets Tuesdays, 8 pm, $5. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Esther Orioli 541-4911 or Barbara Zoloth 457-9740.
Emotional Support Group for Women Writers: not a workshop for getting feedback on your writing—it's a peer support group for dealing with issues writers face: creative blocks, financial difficulties, low (or inflated) self-esteem, confused priorities, isolation, competitiveness, workaholism, perfectionism, etc. Info: Linda 824-3158 or 692-4459 Mon & Tues, 9-5.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) 626-MOVE
Counseling for Battered Gay Men: Is the hand that holds you in public the hand that strikes you in private? CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers free individual counseling & support groups for you. Cail 864-3112, or 864-7233 (24-hr hotline).
Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee therapy for individuals & couples, women only. SL starts at $10. Special services: group for lesbian incest survivors, drug & alcohol counseling (thru IRIS—outpatient only), women's occupational stress resource ctr. 264 Valencia St, SF. Open Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, eves by appt. Info: 864-2364.
Grief Healing Empowerment Group for those who are experiencing pain & loss from the end of a relationship. Safe, supportive environment to grieve & get your feet back on the ground. 8-wk group. Info: Ariah L. Keller, MA 482-5218. Limited to 8 people.
Gay Men's Ongoing Psychotherapy Group: members, with professional guidance, support each other in building self-esteem, creating healthier relationships, & overcoming issues such as loneliness, depression, homophobia & emotional confusion. Longterm group, limited to 8 members. Meets Thurs, 7:30-10 pm. $100/month. Info: Dave Cooperberg, MA 431-3220 or Pedro Rojas, MA 841-9198.
Gay Men's Therapy Group: ongoing psychotherapy group for men. Work on intimacy, relationships, gay self-esteem. Meets Wed eves in SF—Noe Valley location. Info: Jim Fishman, LCSW, 330-8033.
Gay & Christian? Evangelical? Lesbian feminist therapist offers counseling for singles or couples on integrating sexuality & spirituality, relationship issues & more. Info: JoAnn Caetano 893-9400.
Lesbian Group for women who want to heal themselves from the wounds of growing up in dysfunctional families. Group led by experienced therapist. Info: 552-9388.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: Ricki Boden or Daryl Goldman 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call Tom Ossenbeck 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Applied Meditation/Intuitive Problem solving group with Margo Adair. Pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: 861-6838.
Coming Out Group for Women over 30, led by Robbie Robinson, MSW. Sun 4-6 pm, SF location. Info: 387-6094.
Individual Counseling for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: WOMAN, Inc. 864-4777.
Sexual Compulsive Group for gay men: an ongoing psychotherapy group for gay men whose sexual behavior is out of control. Monday eves at Operation Concern, SF. Info: Jim Fishman 626-7000.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
Women's Grief Support Group fc: relationship endings. Meets Thurs 5:30-6:45 pm, $15/wk. East Bay loca-

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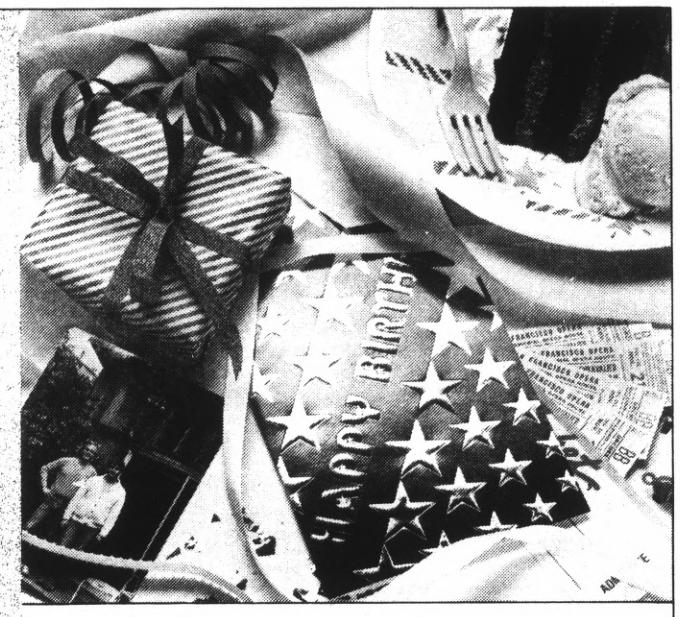
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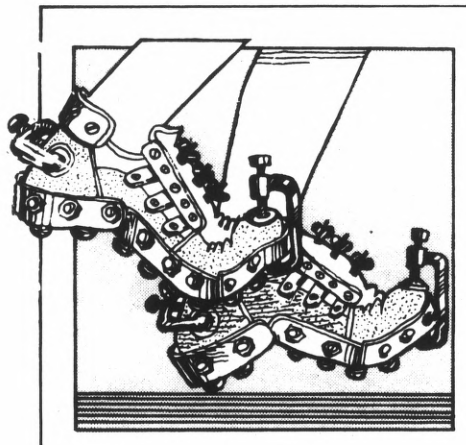
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Men's Group: wkly group on self-esteem & relationships for gay men: meet men in meaningful ways, explore issues, get objective feedback, solve problems. Wed 8-9:30 pm, fee. Info/free brochure: Adrian Bruce Tiller, MS 346-2399.

Bisexual Men's Group: focus on relationship & communication issues, positive feedback regarding life choices & experiences as a bisexual person. Info: Ron Fox, MA, MFCC 751-6714.

Bisexuality: explore the issues. Women's support/therapy group or individual counseling. SL fee. Linda Sue Sundiale, MFCC 334-3356.

Women's Therapy Group explores work, parenting, sexuality, sexual identity, relationships, living in a male world, being alone. SL fee. Info: Margie Cohen LCSW, Stephanie Leonard MFCC 528-1731.

Home Counseling for Children of Lesbian/Gay Parents. Info: Monty Meyer, MS, MFCC; 824-5532.

Pre-Relationship Support Group for Men: wkly mtgs in SF for relationship-oriented men who want to connect with a life partner. Info/location: David Klein, MA (in Counseling), 343-8541.

Starting A Relationship Group for gay men looking for a romantic relationship. Focus on developing your own practical approach to meeting people, beginning a relationship. Info: Kevin Miller, MS 826-8692.

Lesbian Therapy Groups: work in depth on your own issues, personal power & autonomy. Thurs, 7-9 pm. $20/session. SF location. Info: Matile Rothschild Poor, PhD, LCSW; 626-7109.

Lesbians Who Love Too Much: group to explore obsessive attractions to painful, unfulfilling relationships & what you can do to recognize, understand & change the way you love. Info: Marilyn Girard, MFCC 843-2998.

Success Support Group for Gay Men who are having trouble achieving their goals. Think you're sabotaging your success? Get professional guidance; receive valuable support & feedback while exploring ways to overcome your blocks to success. 10-wk groups. Thurs 7-9 pm, $20/wk. Pre-group consultation (free) is required. Info: Bud Hinkle, MA 928-3848.

Gay Men in Our 40s & 50s: Challenge of Mid-life: explore the changes in our bodies, goals, values & work experiences that come with mid-life. SL, ins accepted. Support/therapy group led by Hal Slate, MA. Info: 832-1254.

Lesbian Sex Workers: therapy group for lesbians working in the sex industry. Focus on issues of self-esteem, intimacy, relationships, money, health. Insurance accepted. Info: Leslie Halpern, LCSW; 863-7473.

Lesbian Therapy Group for women who want to improve their ability to establish close & gratifying relationships, increase self-esteem, achieve potential & overcome the effects of growing up in dysfunction families. Info: Zona Gregory, MFCC; 552-9388.

"Beyond Survival", a creativity/therapy group for Women. Explore & heal yourself thru movement, art, humor, sound, ritual & more. SL. Info: Betsi Ferber, MA 658-2234; Miriam Smolover 428-1512.

Drama Therapy Group: deal with stress issues, increase spontaneity, communication skills, self-esteem in a creative, playful way. Ongoing, fee. Info: Judith 528-0533 or Joel 431-5818.

Jewish Lesbians Abused As Children: 10-wk groups explode the myth that "it doesn't happen in nice Jewish families." 7:30-9:15 pm, Eastbay location. Info: Meryl Lieberman 849-4059.

Eating Disorders Support Group at Marshall Hale Hospital: free, ongoing group for individuals, families & friends of people with problems of anorexia nervosa, bulimia & compulsive overeating. Supportive environment to share concerns & experiences, as well as education. Led by professional staff from the Eating Disorders Program. 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month, 7-8:30 pm. Conference Room A, Marshall Hale Memorial Hospital, 3773 Sacramento St, SF. Info: 666-7856.

Gay Men's Ongoing Therapy Group: members support each other (with professional guidance) in building self-esteem creating healthier relationships, overcoming personal isseus (such as loneliness, homophobia, emotional confusion). Limited to 8 people. Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info/res: Dave Cooperberg, MA 431-3220, Pedro Rojas, MA 841-9198.

Gay Men's Therapy: ongoing group to discuss quality-of-life issues: relationships, self-esteem, fear of intimacy, depression, codependency, AIDS anxiety, internalized homophobia. Professional, confidential, caring. Info: John Beeman, MA, MFCC Reg. Int. #8491; 626-6196.

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Group Therapy for Single Lesbians: Fri eves, SF location. Focus on how to get our needs met as single women. Discuss self-esteem, loneliness, initiating relationships, learning from past relationships, communication skills, setting limits, learning to nurture ourselves. Info: Zona Gregory, MFCC 552-9388.

Single Lesbian Wkshop meets 2nd Sat of month. Day of structured exercises & group interaction on topics related to being single. SF location. Info: Zona Gregory, MFCC 552-9388.

Support Group for Twins: explore how being a twin affects relationships; help separate, gain a clearer sense of one's own identity. Individual counseling also available. Led by Ariah L. Keller (also a twin). Info: 482-5218.

Mediation & Creative Counseling: non-judgmental, non-adversarial way to solve differences. SL fee, no insurance. Info: Lynn Scott, LCSW 826-3081.

Deliberate Self-Injury Group: support group for women who are self-cutters. Safe, supportive environment to explore feelings, experiences. Members encouraged to talk about the purpose & function of self-cutting in their lives. Because this group is not appropriate for women who are suicidal, all members required to have an already established, ongoing individual psychotherapy relationship. Info: Joyce Smith, MFCC; or Peg Morris at 647-2547.

► THIRD WORLD

Third World Gay Men's Rap Group drop-in Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Black & White Men Together gathering every Thurs, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 7:30-10pm. For info/mtg topic: 931-BWMT. Also see AIDS Resources for AIDS discussion group.

Third World AIDS Support & Stress Reduction Groups: see AIDS Resources.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber: 548-8283.

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Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays Gathering, call Midgett 864-0876 or Tony 929-9480 for info.

Victoria Mercado Lesbian & Gay Brigade: multicultural group works in solidarity with the people of Nicaragua. Join us. Info: 533-4531.

Native American Lesbians: meet for networking, taking care of social, cultural & spiritual needs. Call 644-1782 & leave your name, tribe, address & phone number for mailing list.

Racially Mixed Lesbians support group: call 644-1782 for info.

S/M Support Group for Women of Color. Info: 647-0827.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Lesbians of Color Against Abuse (LOCAA): support group for lesbians of color who have been or are now victims of abusive relationships with other lesbians. Info: Rhonda 621-8684.

Lesbians of Color Support Group in SF: meets informally at people's houses. Sun nights 6:30-8:30 pm. Info: 826-8856.

Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.

Gay Feminist Women of Color Group meets at Billy DeFrank Community Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Enjoy social & community activities, cultural exchanges, meeting new friends. Info: Rose (408) 298-5742.

El Grupo Sociocultural, a gay & lesbian Spanish club, meets monthly on Fridays. Everyone is asked to speak in Spanish. Native speakers & beginners welcome. Info: Walter 776-7476.

Large Black Lesbians: talk about our lives, not necessarily about weight—this is not a weight-loss group. Also do some light stretching & movement. For more info call Jan 841-4888 or Sharon 531-9267.

► YOUTH

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Young Lesbians Rap Group: for women in their early 20s & younger. Fri, 5:30-7 pm. Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Under 21 Gay Men's open rap, Sat 1-4 pm at Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.

Peninsula Gay/Lesbian Youth Group discussion/social, Sun at 2 pm. Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 856-1144, or write POB 60782, Palo Alto, CA. Group is not church-affiliated.

Slightly Younger Lesbians & Gays, a social/support/activity group for men & women under 25. Meets every Sunday, 1-3pm, San Jose location. Info: (408) 293-4529.

Under-21 Gay Men's Rap group meets at Pacific Ctr. Drop-in, 1-4 pm, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: see Hotlines & Referrals.

Young Adults Task Force open to those 16-25. Fresno Gay Community Ctr, 606 E. Belmont, Fresno. Info: (209) 268-3541.

Young Lesbians: weekly support group for those 25 & under, Santa Cruz location. Info: Valerie (408)427-3862.

Peninsula Young Gay Men: support group for gay men under 23 who live in the Northern Peninsula. Info: 979-8864.

Join the GAY Group (Growing American Youth) group, open to gay men & lesbians 23 & under. Meets 2nd & 4th Fri of each month, 7 pm, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253

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THEATRE

Pacific Overtures:
Local Stars Shine in Peninsula Musical

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Stephen Sondheim's 1976 musical *Pacific Overtures* is being given the full "American Kabuki" treatment with an all-Asian cast at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto. It's a gorgeous production made even more enjoyable by a contingent of San Francisco performers with credits from the Asian American Theatre Company, the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, opera and symphony choruses, and the cabaret stage.

The musical is loosely based on the true story of a shipwrecked Japanese sailor, Manjiro, who lived for many years in America before returning to Japan in 1853. His warning that Commodore Perry's fleet of warships waited outside the harbor to make their "pacific overtures" was not welcome news to a feudal society that had been closed to foreigners for 250 years. He was immediately imprisoned as a spy then just as quickly released to assist the local shogun in coping with Perry's "peaceful" invasion. Manjiro is played superbly by Francis Jue (who also doubles as a Dutch admiral and the Kabuki lion-maned Commodore Perry). Jue, who appeared in the Sondheim-directed 1984 off-Broadway revival, is on the staff of the SF AIDS Foundation.

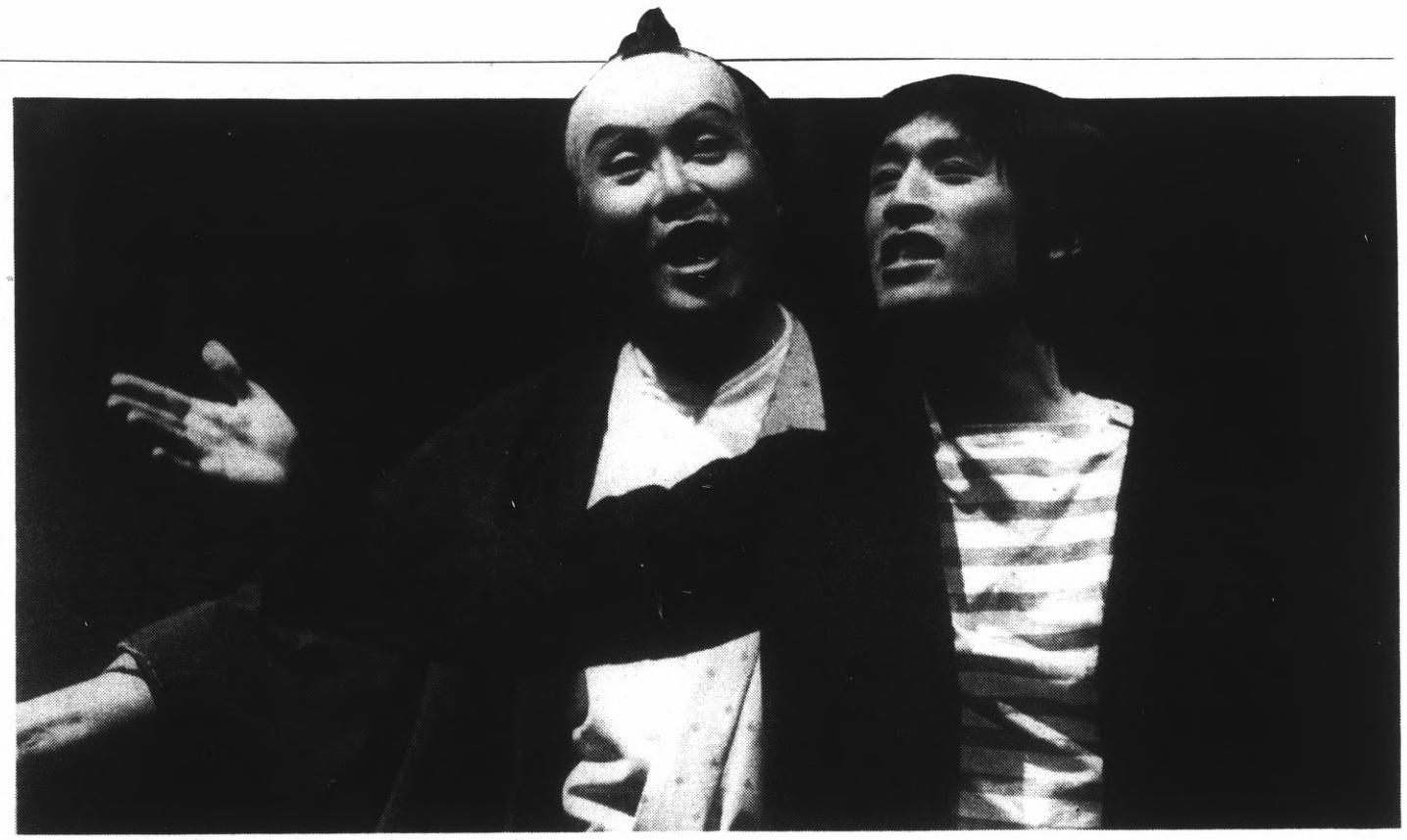
Directed with considerable flair by Robert Kelly, *Pacific Overtures* is an ensemble show in which Joe Ragey's elegantly stylized sets and Fumiko Bielefeldt's splendid historic-ally documented costumes come in for full share of the glory.

Many of the performers are double cast, and of particular local interest — in addition to the charismatic Jue — are Randall Nakano (a drama instructor with the SF Unified School District) as the Reciter, who moves from scene to scene weaving the musical's silken threads into a whole; David Lamm as the lowly official who rises quickly in the feudal bureaucracy; Karen Lew as the shogun's mother who poisons him ("Chrysanthemum Tea") to spare him the embarassment of having to deal with unwelcome foreigners; SF State student Janice Chow as a geisha and the young girl to whom the sailors sing "Pretty Lady;" Donny Honda as the Boy in Tree and the French Admiral; and cabaret favorite Mikio Hirata who sings a number of roles including Thief, Old Man, and a British sailor. Hirata's voice has never been heard to better advantage. The young singer is wonderfully at home on the musical stage, creating a strong presence and considerable authority with his rich baritone.

Try as they may to close their eyes to the outside world, the Japanese ruling class is forced to succumb to Perry's less-than-pacific overtures. In a satirical wink at every "invaded" nation throughout history, a Madam (Ev Shiro) quickly rehearses her geishas for the influx of the Yankee dollar. The Americans have landed, and in quick succession the Dutch, English, French and Russian navies ("Please Hello") establish their own imperialistic footholds. Commercialism creates a new middle class ("A Bowler Hat"), old traditions die, and as the final scene moves into present day Japan, young Western-garbed professionals step forward to recite the achievements and effects of Japanese industry on world trade.

You may not leave the theatre humming a Sondheim tune, but you cannot fail to be impressed by this sometimes tender, often satirical treatment of a whole nation as a star of a musical.

Pacific Overtures plays through April 9 at TheatreWorks, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 329-2623.



David Lamm and Francis Jue in "Pacific Overtures."

Early Stage Performances

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

It's a great idea: a series of performances by and about women, staged at New College, with minimal production expenditure, cheap tickets, and easy access for anyone with talent who wants to perform. The idea came from The West Coast Women and Theatre Conference held in San Francisco in January. According to Veronica Masterson, a co-director of the Theatre Project, "We have a dire need for community for women in the arts. There are no established organizations for pulling together individual women performers. The purpose of the Early Stage series under the auspices of the Julian Theatre is to serve as a showcase for work, a resource for women working in theatre, and a place for us to talk to each other and network."

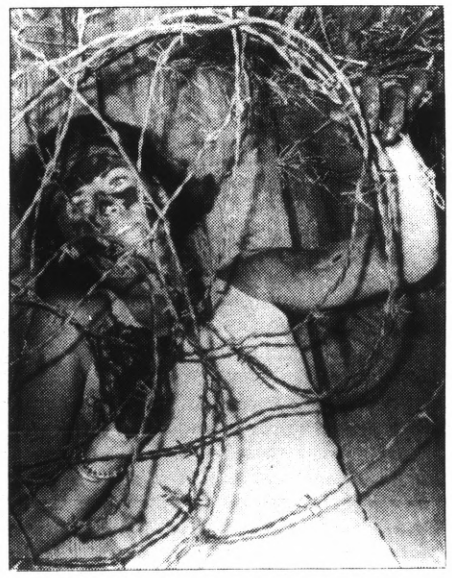
The Early Stage is being set up as a monthly event. The first production included performers Karen Williams, Claire Blotter, Genny Li, and Halifu Osumare. The production cost was under $60. Basically there was just a bare stage, a mike, some blacks on the walls and a minimal light board. Everyone depended on volunteer labor, and the performers split the box. In this kind of theatre in the rough, the material and the performers' relations to the audience means everything.

The audience was small and the material was very uneven. Everyone seemed to have trouble establishing stage presence. Whether this was due to the belabored lighting cues, the foul-ups with the music, or the disappointing audience turn out, I don't know. But hopefully things will shape up for the future. I think it's terribly important to have a program listing which tells us who the performers are: what work they've done, where they've performed, their theatre associations; otherwise, it's set up as some sort of amateur hour. And in fact, all of the women who were presenting have indeed been very active professionally in Bay Area theatre.

Considering that a large percentage of the audience and volunteer help was lesbian, I found it incongruous that there was no lesbian content in the material. Not that there has to be, but two of the pieces dealt directly with female/male relationships, one of the pieces was abstract but did deal in a sociological way with female sexploitation, and Karen Williams' routine addressed itself to her experiences in a black comedy competition as a woman vis-a-vis 11 male competitors. In a Bay Area Theatre Presentation which is billed as a series of performances "about women," you'd think there would be something about lesbians or about women's relationships to women.

All that aside, Claire Blotter's presentation, five short pieces of non-linear theatre, was original, way out there and intriguing to watch. Her pieces were done as kind of talk-singing monologues with body movement. Her sense of irony was impeccable, as when she stands there piously reciting her morning affirmations: "I am a rich, beautiful, vivacious, young woman. I am a rich, beautiful, vivacious, young woman;" all while a voice-over narration is invoking: "Libya, Nicaragua, El Salvador," etc. The piece "Mud Woman" was very effective as she spreads herself with mud so that she can feel her own body, so that she can speak to us of the Navajo land being ripped off, because as she says, "There's something screaming deep in the earth that's dying. It's time to touch her and heal her."

Halifu Osumare's presentation was an exciting and moving sensual solo dance piece, exploring very different personas of the Black Woman. The spoken words which accentuated the movements were well attuned. The costumes and music made for a well integrated and smooth expression of performance art.



Claire Blotter

The staged reading of an excerpt from Genny Lim's new play was at best boring. The cliches from the mouth of the jazz musician were tedious, and his patronizing attitudes towards the school-girlish aspiring singer were indefensibly unhip.

Karen Williams didn't have a great night. As emcee she never quite got off the ground, and she didn't do much to get us off the ground. It made for a disjointed evening of entertainment. Perhaps next month the kinks will be worked out.

I still think that a series of performances by and about women, done on a shoestring, can work towards establishing a showcase for underfunded women's art. But the performers need an audience, and the Theatre Project needs publicity and support to make the endeavor feasible.

Yankee Dawg You Die

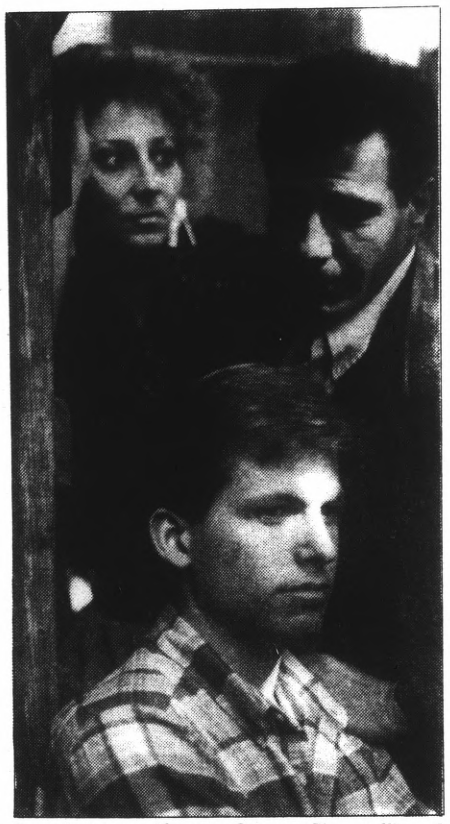
REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Philip Kan Gotanda, who has just won the 1987 Critics Circle Award for his play *The Wash*, is currently represented with a fine new two-character drama at Berkeley Repertory's Addison Stage. Handsomely and intelligently directed by Sharon Ott, *Yankee Dawg You Die* is a cultural examination — perhaps duel is a better word — of the divergent ideologies of two male Asian Ameri-can actors. One is brash and young; the other is successful, reserved — a model for his generation.

Kelvin Han Yee is Bradley, the gung-ho, politically correct, rising actor. Sab Shimono is Vincent Chang, traditionalist, veteran of many movies, proud of the fact that he has never turned down a role and has always done what is asked of him. It was indeed a pleasure to watch Yee and Shimono as they parry, re-

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David Arrow (front), George Simonelli and Sueanne Spoke in "A Human Equation."

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flect on, and retort to the submerged ideas in their passing conversations.

Bradley and Vincent meet at a Hollywood cocktail party and undercurrents of professional and cultural antagonism are immediately sparked. Bradley mentions his recent work in an "independent film." Vincent, with ill-concealed condescension, refers to it as a "low-budget movie." To one it is art; to the other it is work. Former Oscar nominee Vincent makes mention of the Orientals in the movie industry. Bradley corrects him, they are Asian-American. "Ah, yes," Vincent purrs, "Orientals are rugs."

Each is mildly contemptuous of the other. In a flashback scene we have caught Vincent as a villainous wartime Japanese soldier screaming misplaced "R's" ("Watch my rips") in the best tradition of racial stereotyping. In a matching contemporary scene we catch Bradley refusing to put his hand over his mouth and giggle for the camera. "Japanese men don't giggle," he shouts at his director, and loses the role. Maybe next time the director will listen, he rationalizes.

Not quite at ease with each other, the two actors meet again at parties, at cafes, at auditions. Gotanda's brief blackout scenes are so well structured that finally there is little that we don't know about these two adversaries. Vincent, we discover, is really Japanese but passed himself off as Chinese after the war in order to get work. Bradley, taunting Vincent for his early roles as the "Asian Stepin' Fetchit" fails to give him credit for bringing a small degree of dignity to the roles he was handed.

It is with remarkable subtlety that the author reveals that Vincent is gay. Bradley overhears a phone conversation after which Vincent hurriedly excuses himself to rush to the side of a "friend" who is threatening suicide. Bradley picks up the clues, however, and in a later scene when Vincent asks him to come by for a drink, "just a drink," he declines. But he adds with genuine friendship that he "knows" and that "it's O.K." Vincent, too long closeted, can't accept this intrusion into his private life. "I don't know what you're talking about," he says icily. And the subject, no more than a minor theme, is closed. It was a well crafted scene of suppressed emotion and rejection.

This a play about personal compromise, and Gotanda has infused it with considerable satirical wit and sensitivity. Stunning as the drama is, it would nevertheless benefit by the deletion of two dream sequences that are dated in concept, meaningless in performance, and break the rhythm of two fine actors playing off each other. Another scene, though delightfully off-the-wall, left me a little puzzled. Bradley convinces Vincent to commit himself to some live Asian American theatre and the result is a politically motivated but hilarious bit with Vincent flouncing about the stage in a magnificent Godzilla costume.

Kent Dorsey's red and black high-gloss art deco set was very Busby Berkeley. Comic strip pop-art slides flashed sub-titles periodically but in the long run weakened the poignancy of the two actors' relationship. Lydia Tanji's costumes were perfect expressions of what the "now" and the "then" generations wear in Hollywood. Stephen LeGrand and Eric Drew Feldman composed the important background score and James LeBrecht engineered it and other sounds to fine advantage.

Yankee Dawg You Die plays through April 10 at 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 844-4700.

A Human Equation ...and a puzzlement

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

A Human Equation, a contemporary examination of a three-way affair, is the work of playwright/poet Kenny Fries, director of Theatre Services at Theatre Bay Area. It was given its premiere in 1985 at New York's LaMamma ETC.

Directed by Deborah LaVine, the production itself is seamless — perhaps too seamless. All three characters are on stage at once, taking stances left and right as they shift from past to present in non-linear patterns that also move us from a New York art gallery to a Long Island beach to Nantucket. Bob Davis' music and sound design (from pounding surf to cocktail music) is often our only clue to our whereabouts. It's confusing, yes, but that's part of Fries' grand design to envelop us in "non-sequential barrage of language, sound, and emotion" — the kind of thing experimental filmmakers were doing in the 1940s.

The equation itself is a bisexual triangle. George Simonelli is protagonist Robert, a successful poet and college instructor. He is having an affair with gallery owner/painter Lillian (Suanne Spoke). Then he meets Adam (David Arrow) in a men's room (a touch incredulous, perhaps) and discovers that the young student is doing a dissertation on his poetry. They fall in love.

In 50 stream-of-consciousness scenes we relive meetings, partings, actions and reactions to the death of Robert's father, and to Robert's mental breakdown and slow recovery. Perhaps this helter-skelter collage of memories is only happening in Robert's mind!

Other than the play's arbitrairily fragmented structure, the real problem is the dialogue itself. A number of scenes seemed pointless, others were enigmatically brief and ended in a question and others were ordinary exchanges that failed either to build character or strike an emotional chord. Most conversations in our daily lives are ordinary, if not downright boring, to be sure, but stringing mundane sentences together doesn't necessarily create memorable drama.

The bottom line is I didn't care what happened to any of the three characters. Competent as the actors were, they couldn't pull enough meaning or emotion out of the language to create three-dimensional identities. I listened, but I wasn't moved.

Peggy Snider's simple set (a couple of hard-edged banquets) served for a multitude of locales, and Ellen Shireman's complex lighting design moved us speedily through time and space.

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(Left to right) Kim Calatuna, Denise Morgan and Paula Kay Evans in American Juke Box.

American Juke Box
Penny Loafers and Poodle Skirts!

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

You say you harbor fond memories of the innocent fifties? The new sound of rock n' roll? Country western? Rhythm and blues? Get in line at *American Juke Box*. You'll pig out in a sock-hop/time warp that will have clapping to the beat — if not actually dancing in the aisles. Yes, they do that, too.

There's no story line. No dialogue. Just some bobby-soxed kids hanging out in front of a big juke box. Then the front panel opens up and inside they go. Now the whole stage is the inside of a juke box and 12 high energy performers set about re-creating the hits of the '50s and '60s. Some of the numbers haven't improved with age. Some sound better now than they did then. Nostalgia plays funny tricks. Just close your eyes and you'd swear you're hearing Elvis and Brenda Lee and Aretha and Tina and good old Patsy Cline.

You pay your quarter and you get your p!ays. Out of the sixty-some songs that come tumbling at us "Mr. Sandman" still holds up, "Rock and Roll Music" quickens the old pulse again, "Lipstick on his Collar" is wonderfully sappy, and "Please, Mr. Postman" runs a close second. For my part, I was partial to the sweet sounds of "Chantilly Lace," the weepy "It's My Party," and bouncy numbers like "My Guy" and "At the Hop."

I have to admit though, that by the end of the long first act, I was ready for some meat and potatoes. Luckily, act two brought out the star turns. The show's trio of featured singers, Kim Cataluna, Paula Kay Evans and Denise Morgan, took turns bringing down the house with some fine impressions (with one exception). As Aretha Franklin, Denise Morgan's "Respect" fairly sizzled with soul, and her Brenda Lee bit on "I'm Sorry" was right on target. This young singer can belt without sacrificing vocal quality — and that's something!

Paula Kay Evans' re-creation of Patsy Cline on "Crazy" was no less than wonderful, and her Dionne Warwick treatment of "Say a Little Prayer for Me" was one of the evening's high points. Kim Cataluna, so fine in her ensemble numbers and delightful as Leslie Gore on "It's My Party," overstepped the bounds of impression and turned her Tina Turner "Proud Mary" into a crude parody.

From the ensemble group of performers I liked Nikky Luther's "Stand by Me" and Jerrell Lamar's version of James Brown's "I Feel Good." And those non-stop dancers deserve much credit — especially the free-spirited Mary Jo Coyle ("Devil with the Blue Dress") and the frenetically-footed Kelly Rice who sang a moving "Going out of My Head."

What I did take exception to was the sameness of the choreography. Choreographer Edward Love seems to have run out of inspiration about half way through, and whenever there was a three-second lull he set everybody to twisting and mashing potatoes all over again.

American Juke Box has been extended through May 15. If it continues to sell out, it may extend through fall. At the Marines Memorial Theatre. For reservations, call 771-6900.

Fools Rush Inn

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Joe Besecker's latest play, *Fools Rush Inn*, staged at Studio Eremos, is a sophisticated, witty and often flawed study of an assortment of complex and painfully neurotic characters. The four stage characters, multilied by flashbacks, are gathered together on New Year's Eve to unburden themselves upon each other. Each has been summoned up to the Russian River cabin by a mutual "friend" whom they all detest. They are all part of the same small, incestuous theatre world which has trapped them into stifling and redundant social interactions with one another. Everybody's got history with everybody else. The play is a smarmy take off on Jane Chambers' *A Late Snow*. Besecker writes ever so well about unpleasant states of affair.

Unlike the script, the acting in this production was flawless. Richard Pastor, Eva Reale, Geoff Shields, and Linda Pacino did wonderful work under the direction of Michael Lilly. They handled the diversity of their characterizations with consistent zeal.

The inconsistencies in the play manifested mostly in the plot structure, but also surfaced in the psychological content. Besecker's use of flashbacks is a major part of his dramatic artistry. But flashbacks work best when they are there to further plot development, and in this play some of them didn't connect to what was going on. The scene between Darla and little Weazer playing paper dolls and talking about their brother/sister incestuous relationship had a childish charm, but it didn't mean anything in terms of the main plot. It didn't tell us anything about Weazer which would change or modify our perceptions of him, and it didn't move anything forward, resolve any conflicts or suggest any new developments to come.

The scene between Marva and the dentist in Iowa was also a throwaway. He could have been anybody. In fact, the psychological content of that scene was very confusing. Why would Marva, after many years of absence, go back to Iowa while her mother was dying to resume a relationship and exchange personal confidences with a man about whom she's bitter, a man who had raped her after the prom?

The character of Marva was poorly created. She was Besecker's token "lesbian." But what kind of a lesbian is she when she doesn't do it with women, exclaims that her longest lesbian relationship in the past ran for 3 weeks, she is involved and has been sleeping with a heterosexual male porn star, and she makes references to the large size of his cock? Forget it.

Besecker, as a gay playwright, exhibited a rather perplexing attitude towards homosexuality. His portrayals of gayness were extremely unflattering. When Weazer, the queen, comes to a confrontation with the hetero porn star, Dakin, we are subjected to witnessing the complete put down of Weazer with the little wiener by the real man with the Big Cock, accompanied with laughter by the "lesbian." It's true that everybody in this play gets broiled, including Dakin. The play is about humiliation. But I think the internalized homophobia in *Fools Rush Inn* is something heavy duty and to be reckoned with. Even the fact that Besecker chose to name his hero Dakin, after Tennessee Williams' malicious brother who

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had been instrumental in having Tennessee locked up and in having the sister lobotomized, represents a statement to be scrutinized.

Although Dakin, as everybody else in the play, is a self-flagellator and is brought to his knees, he is the only one who ends up being released by the playwright. Dakin is the only one who gets to have sex and to come. Dakin, the Big Cock, is the one who gets to have a new future, new career options and a new girlfriend. And in the final act of the play, everyone toasts to Dakin's future with the added aside by Weazer, "To friends." Besecker seems to consider this to be some sort of happy ending. He also thinks the play is about the difference between love and sexual obsession. I think it's about masochism and humiliation.

Which is not to say that the play was a bomb. There were some touching moments, especially between Weazer and Loretta, the alleged fag hag. And the dialogue, as in all of Besecker's plays, was judiciously and artistically well crafted. He has a very good ear for realistic dialogue. The trouble seems to come from the playwright's inability to rise above his own projections for an overview. He gets lost in the same confusions as his characters. This makes for confusing theatre and ambiguous dramatic statements.


Photo by Shan Cohen

Kay Elizabeth Benjamin and Lydia Stewart in "Going to Seed."

Going To Seed

REVIEWED BY ANDREA LEWIS

Calling Eve Powell's *Going to Seed* a lesbian play is stretching the truth a bit. It certainly does have a lesbian element, but it seems to be written solely for the purpose of dramatic conflict. What does make the Theatre Rhinoceros production enjoyable and refreshing is that the play is a portrait of the wit, strength and wisdom of Black women and their culture.

The action centers on three generations in one Los Angeles family; Irene, the recently widowed grandmother, Vivian, her frustrated and rigid daughter whose husband abandoned the family 24 years ago, and her two daughters, Angela and Paula. Angela, an aspiring writer, is out of college but still living at home at age 24. Paula, the eldest who arrives home unexpectedly, is Angela's antithesis: worldly, self-assured and not connected to life with the family in L.A.

In the background — on stage and in the script — is Michelle, a late-night radio personality whose music and talk show "Ask Your Mama" is a favorite of Grandma's and Angela's. Grandma listens to it so religiously that she almost feels like Michelle is part of the family. Angela just gets a dreamy look in her eye whenever she hears Michelle's voice. We quickly begin to get the idea that something is going on between these two, but what is it? After a couple of phone calls between them, we piece together that they've gone to the beach together one night; that they stayed out at a bar until 2:30 a.m.; and that Angela, after initially being shocked by something that Michelle has confessed to, invites her over to meet the family at Easter dinner. From the information we're given, it's hard to know if they are lovers, if Michelle is just coming out to a friend, or if Angela has ever been in *any* kind of relationship before. Powell, in fact, is so skittish about the whole subject of lesbianism that the two "lovers" only get as close as touching hands to cheeks. Even that moment is carefully and predictably interrupted by Vivian's shocked expression and exclamation of, "What are you doing?!"

If the play were really meant to be a lesbian play, we could easily write it off as another dramatic cop-out, but we are drawn into the lives of these Black women because they are like sketches of people we know. Director Kenneth Dixon has created a wonderful atmosphere and ensemble of players to bring the story to life and make us feel right at home.

The cast is led by the performances of Sandy Leigh Scott as the irrepressible Grandma and Donna Michelle as Paula, the ball of energy that seems to hold it all together. The characters of Vivian and Angela are more problematic, and perhaps harder to bring to life. Vivian is unhappy about her home, her job, her failed marriage, and her children. She doesn't even smile until the very closing minutes of the play. It wasn't much fun watching someone trying to portray such a miserable person, and it was no doubt an unpleasant acting experience for Kay Elizabeth Benjamin who seemed stiff as starch in Act One. Lydia Stewart as Angela must change from an initially naive "Leave it to Beaver" looking girl to the independent woman we see at the end of the story. Stewart does a good job with a character who isn't given much in the way of development, and is especially effective in the

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closing scene with Vivian.

None of the situations or emotions presented in the play are new, and Angela's coming out story takes a rather predictable and safe course, but there is Grandma, throwing back her head and laughing as she presents everyone with knitted toilet paper covers for Easter. And there is Paula, lighting into Michelle about using "East Coast words like despair. In California, they call it a funk," she says so correctly. Everything — grandma's wig and rolled down stockings, the music Michelle plays on "Ask Your Mama," the *Sweet Honey in the Rock* poster on Angela's wall, their ability to laugh and sing the blues away — all things work to give "Going to Seed" a warm sense of reality.

The underlying message we get from the play is that Black women have to deal with and conquer a lot of frustration. Maybe it's that their husband has died or abandoned them, maybe — as one caller on "Ask Your Mama" screams — the electric company won't turn on the lights, maybe it's little bits of racism and sexism that they must quietly endure every day in the working world. But there is an inbred will to overcome in their blood. "They've driven our spirits underground," Angela says to her mother in the end, "to the point where we're afraid to show our faces." Paula later echoes the same sentiment. "We've got everybody against us. We can't deprive ourselves of each other."

Going to Seed plays at Theatre Rhinoceros through April 16. Call the box office for info at 861-5079.

Iolanthe
If You Believe in Fairies, Clap.

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Oh, oh, wrong musical. But I got part of it right. *Iolanthe* is full of gossamer-winged fairies. It is not, however, my favorite Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, though die-hard fans seem to adore it. The music is pleasant to be sure but it never soars, and the patter songs lack the real bite and flair and tossed-off wit of other G&S comedic arias.

Perhaps it's the plot. I can't get too worked up over the plight of Strephon, a shepherd, who is half fairy (top) and half man (bottom) and who is in love with a mortal lass named Phyllis, a singularly uninteresting snob of a girl who is playing the entire House of Lords one against the other. Jane Hammett, spirited on other G&S occasions, sang well but brought little characterization to the role. Charles Andrew Gravehorst (the opening night Strephon) seemed vocally tentative and somewhat lackluster in his pursuit of the fickle Phyllis.

Be that as it may, the best roles in G&S operettas are usually reserved for the character parts. *Iolanthe* is no exception. Rick Williams was the Lord Chancellor and guardian of Phyllis and — as is common in such period pieces — in love with his young ward. Williams is an always dependable performer, and though his "When I Went to the Bar" won considerable applause, I felt it wasn't up to his usual standards.

William Neil was quite marvelous as Private Willis and made of his small role a memorable one. Queen of the Fairies was Marcia Hunt whose imperious demeanor and lascivious leer is always a joy to behold. She had a fine solo — something about endless love — but since the program listed no song titles, I am at a loss to identify one aria from another.

Minions to the Queen Fairy — Celia, Leila, and Flera (Loretta Fields, Jean McMaster Williams and Judy Filice) — were delightful in assorted bits of addlepated mime. Lords Mountararat and Tolloller, sung by John Ziaia and Dan Gensemer, were as bumbling and muddle-headed as politicians in real life. Even so, the composers' attempt to satirize members of Parliament is a little like shooting limp arrows at sitting ducks.



Photo by Ron Scherl

Marcia Hunt as the Queen of the Fairies in "Iolanthe"

Back to the fairies. Strephon's mother is none other than Iolanthe, a fairy who defied her Queen to marry a mortal and who must now stand on her head at the bottom of a stream in eternal penance. But all the girl fairies dance about singing "we must dance and we must sing" and beg their Queen to forgive Iolanthe. She does, and Iolanthe pops up out of the stream, bone dry and pretty as a picture. (Fairies don't age according to the script.) Phyllis cannot believe Iolanthe is Strephon's mother so she flies off in a fit of pique to get engaged to several members of Parliament.

I was especially pleased that the Queeen of the Fairies ended up with Private Willis, because they were my two favorite characters. All the little fairies married all the members of Parliament — and that shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone — and everybody clapped and said how good it was. Nobody said they thought the conductor should have picked up the pace throughout. But that's what I thought.

Bruce Brisson's sets, a sylvan glade and a palace yard — Westminster (the latter especially handsome), were up to the fine standards of Lamplighter Productions. Orva Hoskinson directed and Bruce LaMott conducted. The production is double cast.

Iolanthe plays at the Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk St., through April 17.

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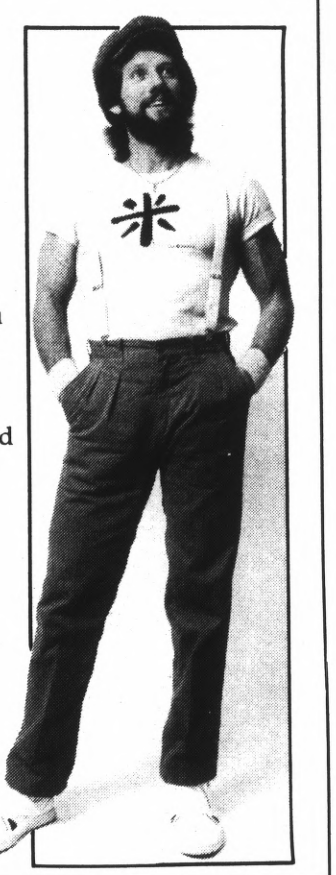
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Everybody asks me whether we're going to cast only gay actors or straight actors. I've said that we hope people know we're a gay/lesbian theatre. We make no bones about that. When people come to audition, they know that. If people choose to work here, I have to assume their politics are right. I don't really know who they sleep with and it really isn't my business.

BY ANDREA LEWIS

Ken Dixon is only the third person to hold the position of Artistic Director at San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros, one of the country's leading gay and lesbian theatres. He is the first person of color to be appointed to the job, and he is already making his presence felt in the local theatre community. Following in the steps of the late founding director Allan Estes and Kris Gannon, who helped to bring more women into the theatre's family, Dixon hopes to continue to expand Rhino's vision and influence.

Coming Up! spoke to him in Rhino's basement business office — definitely a working office, with no windows, little ventilation and the expected amounts of artistic clutter on the desks and floor. We wouldn't have expected anything less in the home of the Rhinoceros.

(Coming Up!): You've lived in a lot of different places in your life. You were raised in the Midwest, went to graduate school in Boston, spent five years in Amsterdam, and now live in San Francisco. The attitudes in each of those areas are so different — how did they influence you?

Well, people in the East — particularly if you're on the East Coast, like New York and Boston — have a different mentality. People live closer together, the density of people is higher and personal space is limited. That changes how people are in the world. People talk about New Yorkers as being so distracted, and that they don't pay attention to people. Well, they don't. When there are 15 million people around you, you have to not pay attention.

But here in San Francisco there's six or seven hundred thousand people in the city. We're like a little town. There is generally more freedom to do whatever it is you're going to do in the West. When I first came out here some people said that going to the West was like "Manifest Destiny". You can run away from yourself all across the country, but when you get to California there is no where else to go. What happens is you learn to deal with who you are, or you freak out and go back East, back into some routine that allows you to not have to deal with who you are. I found that San Francisco just allowed me to be free.

More so than in Chicago or Boston?

Oh yeah. In Boston I was in the last psychoanalytic, Freudian graduate school, Boston University, doing graduate work in psychology. In terms of homosexuality — this was in 1969 — they didn't want to hear it. I spent five years there, and I worked at the first gay counseling service in Boston, and I could never discuss any of my clients in class. My advisor would not allow it because as he saw it, we should have been treating people for their sexuality dysfunction, not for what the presenting problem might be, like someone who lost a lover and was having a grief reaction. Well, I'm not going to tell that person, "You shouldn't be gay." I don't have a PhD to this day based on that. I couldn't see doing a dissertation on something that wasn't going to be real somehow. All the things I wanted to look at, like Black kids and intelligence testing, or how work impacts on a person's life, or some study of homosexuality, just was not going to fly. They wanted me to find schizophrenics and study them.

When I came out to California in 1974, I fell in love with San Francisco in a weekend. It was so wild in some ways — nude beaches and stuff. I grew up in Chicago, and I hate anything relating to winter. I love living by the ocean. I also had gone to a couple of the gay bars here, and that certainly was totally different from Chicago. They're still in the closet there. One of the things that happens when you live here is that you need to leave every now and then to be brought back to some kind of reality. Gay people don't have it like this anywhere else other than maybe Amsterdam.

You anticipated my next question.

It's so different. Being gay there is totally different than it is in this country. What happened in San Francisco is that gay men and women came together in a central area and got power because they ghettoized themselves in a way. What that did was it made us very obvious in this city. When you're talking about 200,000 people plus, that have two blocks to congregate in, the city has to stand up and take notice. In Amsterdam being gay is not separated from you. Here, we could go downtown and be very straight in our jobs and come home to the Castro. In Amsterdam being gay is just like your having brown hair and blue eyes. There just is no big thing about it. If two men are living together in Amsterdam and they want that union to be recognized, they can go and register as a couple.

So it sounds like even compared to San Francisco, Amsterdam is more open.

Well, open is the wrong word. It's just a whole different mentality. The Dutch are the most tolerant race of people I've ever met in my life. They have the most amazing ability to let things happen they don't approve of and don't like, but they will be the first to stand up for your right to do it. Gay people there are not really oppressed.

Coming into the present a bit, how did your appointment as Artistic Director at Theatre Rhinoceros happen?

I came back here in November of 1985. I'd always wanted to work at Rhino, so I called up Kris Gannon, who was artistic director then, and we talked and she gave me some projects to do, one of which was a stage reading of *Going to Seed*. A year ago I got cast in *Pulp and Circumstance*, so I was around the theatre. Kris told me in May or June that she was going to leave.

Did she give a specific reason?

No. Artistic Directors jobs are time limited, I think, because it's a job that you can really only give your all to for a short period of time. You have to be so many things to so many people. And if you have any artistic bent on your own, you don't really get to do that. Kris likes to make music and sing. I think she had brought the theatre through a rough time following Allan's (Estes, Rhino's founding director) death, and I think she felt like there was time to do something else.

So I applied for this job. In August I had



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some very intense interviews here with a search committee, and I have to say that they were really on their job. They sent me a packet of questions that I had to fill out at home, that were mostly "what if" situations. The one that sticks in my mind is: "You're the Artistic Director, you've gone to see the last dress rehearsal of a show that's opening in four days, and it's terrible. What are you going to do?" I said that if I was the Board of Directors, I'd want to know why the artistic director hadn't been there before then. I think you can't wait that long to see a show.

Their questions were really good. They had done their homework. Late that same night I got a call from one of the board members who said, "You're a finalist and we'd like to have you back tomorrow at 6:30, but we'd like to have you plan an ideal season." I had between Tuesday night at midnight and Wednesday night at six o'clock. That was really nerve-wracking, but a wonderful kind of test. I had to say, "Okay, you're going to do eight shows. What are you going to do, and what is your rationale for doing them?" I thought that was the best part of the interview.

Give me a couple of examples of what you chose.

Kiss of the Spiderwoman, to actually be done by a gay theatre. I also thought the theatre could use some movement into a broader theatrical range. While it's important to produce gay and lesbian playwrights, it is also important for us to reclaim, if you will, our place in the theatrical world, because gay people have been in the theatre for as long as theatre has been around. So I thought it might be interesting, given the AIDS crisis, for example, to do "Whose Life is it Anyway?" Even though it's not gay and doesn't have a gay character, it's about what a lot of us are having to deal with — the right to die and how to die.

And to have control of our own lives.

Exactly. So they called me Thursday at about 10:30 and they said, "We've made our decision and we'd like to offer you the job." There was not even a moment of hesitation or "I'll think about it overnight." I thought it would be a wonderful exciting job to have, and that's exactly what it's proven to be. It takes a lot of time. You're never really off. My lover Jeffrey and I went to a Christmas party, and there were a lot of actors, and when you're an artistic director you don't just get to be at a party. People want to know what you're doing, and how to audition.

But I don't really mind that. I think that one of the reasons I chose psychology was because I really do like working with people, and it's wonderful working with people in a creative environment and helping foster people's creativity. I think if you're an artist, when you say you're an artist you join a family, and that is the family of all artists. You have to give to that family because that family gives to you.

I know that one of the goals you have for Rhino is to produce and support more minority artists. Do you have a specific plan for how you want to do that?

I don't have any list of plays on my desk other than one play by a Chicana woman that I really like. I guess I want the minority gay community to feel more comfortable about auditioning. To not say, "I won't bother going to an audition because they won't be doing anything I might be interested in. I hope my presence encourages that. If we have more minority people come and audition, we can pull more plays that in fact do include them, or to take plays and cast non-traditionally — to just forget what the script says and cast the best actor.

The other issue is about whether we're going to cast only gay actors or straight actors. Everybody asks me about that. When we did our production this year of *A Late Snow*, several women in the community said, "Well, there's not a recognizable dyke in the play." So the question came up that if you are a gay theatre, do you somehow try to find out if the

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Ellen Sebastian

BY ANDREA LEWIS

If you take the life of Zora Neale Hurston, one of the greatest writers and personalities of our century, and mix it with the talents of director and playwright Ellen Sebastian and Luisah Teish, an author/storyteller and practicing voodoo priestess, you are bound to stir up some powerful energy.

The Sanctified Church is the latest work from Ellen Sebastian, one of the Bay Area's most innovative and acclaimed theatre artists. Because she is usually behind the scenes you may not be familiar with her name, or know that she is a woman of color, but her works speak for themselves. From the location piece *Your Place is No Longer With Us*, in which the audience follows a nine-year-old Black girl through a Victorian mansion, to the highly successful *Moms* starring Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen Sebastian's work is her vision and voice brought to life through the theatre.

Now, as one of the four artistic directors for Life on the Water, one of San Francisco's newest and most progressive theatre companies, Sebastian will be able to continue to develop that voice with a vehicle in which to present it.

(Coming Up!): What got you interested in doing a project like Sanctified Church?

(Sebastian): Well, Zora Neale Hurston is a fascinating and courageous woman and I'm just in love with her. After I read Alice Walker's *Zora Neale Hurston Reader* I wanted to do a movie of Hurston's life. I was very shocked that there hadn't been a film about her life and that more hadn't been created out of her work for the stage.

So three years ago I wrote a huge theater script about her life. It was going to be produced, but got cancelled because it was just too expensive. To do it right would have called for a $200,000 budget, 50 actors, massive costume changes, and huge rolling set pieces.

After that I started developing Life on The Water. I also got into the process of re-working the script so that it would be produceable in my theatre. I got together with Marilyn Waterman, who is a documentary filmmaker by profession, and because Zora in her own right is a documentarian, I gave Marilyn the original script and asked her how we could shape it into something manageable.

We got it down to 21 people instead of 50, and we focused in on Zora's work around Black Spiritualism, specfically voodoo and the sanctified church, and we created a fictionalized situation. All of the things in it are based on real characters that she met and real anthropological ideas that she had.

The story is around the conflict with spiritualism that she had in her relationship with her mother, Lucy Hurston. So we created this triangle with her mother, who is a devout Christian, Zora, who is not a religious woman at all but a woman who experimented with voodoo and who was an anthropologist above all else, and then this fictional young white man who is a sound recordist and anthropologist named Aaron Schmidt. The pretense of the story is that Zora has just come back from Haiti and she's been asked by the Library of Congress to come and meet with this young white man so that he can record the songs and stories that she's learned over the past couple of years.

Did Hurston really go to Haiti at some point?

Oh, it's all true. She did go to Haiti, she did study voodoo, she was initiated several times as a voodoo priestess, and she did work with a white sound recordist and anthropologist named Alan Lomax, who is still alive. Our character isn't based on Alan Lomax, but was inspired by the fact that Alan and Zora did have a working relationship.

Marilyn and I both thought it would be a situation with a lot of tension to it: a Black woman with a young white man in a very racist period of time, which is 1937. Zora also has a hidden agenda, which is that she's just learned a voodoo ritual for reclaiming spirits, and she's going to set up the situation in the recording studio so that she will use this young man as a part of the ritual to try and bring her mother's spirit back. What the audience gets to see is her stories coming to life on the stage.

Did you get to hear the actual tapes of Zora's original recordings?

Marilyn went to the Library of Congress in Washington, and they gave us duplicates of real recording sessions with Zora Neale Hurston talking about collecting railroad and juke joint songs, so I actually have Zora's voice on tape. She talks and she sings and tells a couple of stories. It was really chilling to hear her voice for the first time, because it wasn't what I expected to hear.

Describe it to me a little bit.

She has a real southern voice — she's from Florida — her voice is very lyrical and very high.

I know that Luisah Teish, who plays the role of Zora, feels a very strong connection with her.

Luisah Teish is a practicing voodoo priestess, and to have an actual priestess playing the part is in itself real thrilling. Teish is a very powerful woman. She says that for her it's an answered prayer. And she can't think of anything she'd rather be doing.

How did you two hook up?

She came and saw a play I did about four years ago. I didn't know who she was, but she just walked up to me and said something like, "You're one heavy sister." We sort of talked, but I didn't have any contact with her after that until I saw her book *Jambalaya*. I had just started working on *Sanctified Church*, and when I opened her book, the page that I opened to was the paragraph where she said she was in New Orleans doing some voodoo work and someone said, "What this town needs is another Zora Neale Hurston," and she said, "You are looking at her." So I called her and told her I was doing this play on Zora Neale Hurston and she said, "I am Zora, and nobody can play this role but me." I believed her. That was three years ago.



Photo by Jane Cleland

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So you had her in mind for the part all along?

Absolutely. I haven't ever considered anyone else or auditioned anyone else. She was scheduled to do it in the original production, and when it got cancelled I was very upset. Teish was very comforting to me at that time because she said, "Everything happens in its time and when you're ready to do the play, I'm ready to do it." It's worked out perfectly.

I always knew who I wanted to play Lucy Hurston also. Marguerite Robinson is not only an extraordinary actress, but is herself a devout, anointed Christian, who lays hands on people and who shies very much away from things like voodoo. In fact, all three of the lead actors have impacted the script in a very profound way with who they are. They are an incredible gift because not only are they brilliant actors, but they're real intelligent people with fascinating personal lives, and that can't help but make the script richer. I have to give myself credit for that. These people are fantastic.

Were you worried at all about casting someone like Teish who hadn't any real acting experience, and who you were basically just taking at her word?

No, because she is such a powerful personality, that anything else she was lacking, like acting skills, I knew she could learn. Technical things can be learned. A profound personality cannot be learned. Either you got it or you don't. When Teish walks into a room or on a stage, you notice her. She doesn't need to act. All she has to do is internalize the script. When she says she is Zora Neale Hurston, I believe her. They are definitely one spirit.

What about your own spirituality, if that's not too personal a question.

I was brought up in a sanctified church. I grew up with my grandparents who were definitely devout: "You're going to hell if you don't pray, the devil is there, hell fire, speaking in tongues, you've got to be saved." That's how the first 14 years of my life were spent, going to church twice a week. But my grandmother was the kind of person whose bottom line was live and let live, and love. If you love somebody, that is the most important thing. That's what I got.

After I moved to California to live with my mother, I never went to church. But whenever I go back home to visit my grandmother I love going with her. It's the most amazing theatre going. I think that spiritualism is ultimately about love and goodness, and that's one of the good things that working on this show has done, is getting me back in touch with what my grandmother had taught me.

Tell us how you got involved with Life on the Water and starting your own theatre. There have been a number of theatrical tenants in this space at Fort Mason in recent years.

Our hope is that we'll be able to create an international theatre and the best possible art and most political art that we can. We're devoted to making work that is progressive in its social consciousness in terms of sexism and racism. All of the artistic directors are travelling a lot trying to see other works and presenting our works outside of this area.

There are five main partners and we have a good staff, but we are struggling and learning a lot. Our budget has almost doubled in a year, and in a lot of ways we're almost too big for our britches and busting out at the seams in a couple of places. But I don't have any doubt that this theatre — given the kind of energy that's around and just knowing who we are as people — will make it as long as we stay fresh and stay healthy. If all of the funding dries up, then we'll figure out a way to be a soup kitchen in the day and a theatre at night. Whatever we need to do to keep the theatre going, we're gonna do it.

I'm curious about the name, too.

That name came about under the influence of marijuana after the Mill Valley Film Festival. We were all trying to think of a name for the theatre, and we're driving along after the film festival, a bunch of us in a car. We passed by some condos that were being built in Richmond that said "Marina Bay; Life on the Water," and I turned to everyone and said, "How about Life on the Water?" — this was

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BOOKS

Truth or Dare:
Encounters with Power, Authority and Mystery
By Starhawk
Harper & Row, 1987, 344 pp; $19.95

REVIEWED BY JOANNE BEALY

Remember the game "truth or dare"? Anybody could ask you any question and you had to either answer with the truth or take your chances and request a dare. The dares were, of course, so outrageous that you almost always chose the truth. In Starhawk's latest book, "truth *is* the dare" as Starhawk challenges us to resist the Censors and Judges, to reach down inside our own mysterious selves, and come up with the Truth with a capital T.

Truth or Dare is about power. Starhawk very carefully lays out an analysis of three types of power: power-over, power-from-within and power-with. Power-over is how our world is currently run. It is the kind of power that intimidates, that makes us less than, that makes somebody else better than. It thrives on fear. It is, unfortunately, what people think of when they think of power. Power-from-within comes from that sense of self and trust from some place deep inside. It is the kind of power that operates with truth, integrity and with a connection to everything else on this planet. Power-with is a kind of group power, a power to have other people listen to what we have to say. It is a kind of power that demands respect for self and our ideas. The last two, power-from-within and power-with, require a certain responsibility — say what you want however you want, just stick around for the repercussions and assume responsibility.

Starhawk takes her analysis a step beyond where most analyses leave off. She gives us something with which to work. This is not a book that says wouldn't it be great if.... *Truth or Dare* gives exercises and ideas to work and plot toward change, to leave behind the hierarchical structures based on power-over that can only result in wars and inequalities. The exercises are, for the most part, group exercises and group rituals. They are based in the world of magic and mystery as much as they are in the world of politics, and it seems to be a good match:

> The qualities that make resistance effective are also those upon which we can base the structures and acts of renewal: the imminent value of each living being, the interconnectedness and interdependence of all beings; openness to the unknowable and immeasurable, to wonder, ecstasy, and mystery; personal responsibility and mutual support; the solidarity of shared risks and benefits; and the creation of systems that are nurturing, healing, and sustainable.

Starhawk acknowledges the forces that move through us and between us, forces that are bigger than each one of us individually. If (and this might be a big if) you can deal with group rituals, Starhawk's are well thought out exercises that are a wonderful starting place to figuring out what kind of group you have, how you want to be dealing with issues, how to assign leadership, and perhaps, more importantly, how to monitor and acknowledge leadership. Though the exercises can be used to a certain degree by individuals, the group seems the correct place to make the most progress; it allows the space for the unspoken to be spoken, the unheard to be heard, the fears to be validated. It gives us room to acknowledge and accept our fears, helplessness, anger and move on from there. Too often we internalize our fears, afraid to voice what someone else surely would think was crazy.



> ...it is not that we go around in fear, it is that we don't fear, we think this is just the way things are, the only way they can be, and the pervasive uneasiness, the dull rage, is some flaw in us.

It is important to acknowledge. Truth, once again, is the dare.

In her final chapter on Resistance and Renewal, Starhawk presents us not only with a vision of what the future might be, but a means of getting there as well. The ideas are not necessarily new, but her questioning exercises and group rituals, as a way of turning those ideas into reality, are refreshing. As Starhawk says,

> These values are not new. As school children everyday we pledged allegiance to a republic with "liberty and justice for all." But we have never lived these values. Our "Founding Fathers" preached liberty and held slaves. They spoke of the unalienable right to life, and murdered tribes and nations of the native people of this land. They talked of equality, and denied a voice in their government to women. They fought for the right to pursue happiness, yet allowed economic conditions to condemn millions to misery.

I have to admit that I initially had a few problems with this book. While I have an incredible amount of respect for the amount of work that Starhawk has done and continues to do, by the end of *Truth or Dare* I felt that she just hadn't gone far enough. I wanted less time devoted to exercises and rituals and more devoted to the way power exhibits itself in our daily lives, how it molds us, why we do the things we do. Then I realized that's not what this book is about. Or rather, it is about that *plus* some. And the *plus* some is what Starhawk knows about. For what the book sets out to do, I applaud its accomplishments. It is not a book that needs to be read cover to cover to do it justice. It has been indexed according to chapter headings as well as exercises, which makes it easy to use *Truth or Dare* as a reference book.

I would ask those who have trouble with witchcraft generally and group ritual in particular to give this book a chance. If you are working in a group, and especially groups working for political change, this book should be required reading.

Where the Spirits Dwell:
An Odyssey in the Jungle of New Guinea
By Tobias Schneebaum
Grove Press, 1988, 209 pp. $17.95

"Why did I have to go out of my country, out of my culture, out of my family, to find the kind of assurance and companionship necessary to my inner peace? Why did no one tell me early on that I was not alone? Why was I always guilty? What can heterosexual men and women know of what it's like to be homosexual — the suffering and frustration of always hiding a vital part of one's being?"

REVIEWED BY CRAIG MACHADO

Tobias Schneebaum does not fit the mold of the detached, pipe-smoking anthropologist gazing out on the exotica of a foreign culture. Ever since he first arrived in New Guinea in 1973 to carry out field work among the Asmat people, one of the few remaining civilizations to be largely untouched by Western World intrusions, Schneebaum became intimately involved with a culture and way of life radically different from his own yet ultimately affirming his sexual orientation.

Schneebaum's professional side drew him into the New Guinean jungles to collect artifacts of the Asmat people, catalog and mount them for display in museums — a standard task in anthropology. Additionally, he would spend months at a time living among these people delineating customs, witnessing daily practices and rituals, tracing kinship and familial ties, social organization, food gathering, and the head hunting some of them still pursue.

Yet, in the course of his work, it becomes clearer to Schneebaum that his time with the Asmat people bears on something more important than nicely labeled artifacts or laboriously detailed notes. The Asmat are reputed to permit and encourage same sex relationships between men; exploring these relationships will provide much of the fuel of his journeys. Initially, he finds that the Asmat have a variety of sexual expressions; the taking of sexual partners outside of marriage, young adolescent boys satisfying each other sexually, older men "shepherding" a young boy into adulthood by sexual rituals.

It is only after many trips and extended stays, numerous questioning and confidence-building that Schneebaum discovers a very special kind of egalitarian friendship between two men of approximtely the same age, referred to as "mbai." A person's "mbai" or special friend is a confidant, nurturer, protector and sexual partner. There doesn't seem to be a strict pattern for these relationships (as opposed to other highly ritualized acts); rather, men spontaneously develop an affection and liking for each other, become paired, and are known to the larger community as such.

Schneebaum is drawn particularly close to one of his informants, Akatpitsjin, a married man with 5 children, and the two become lovers, apparently with the understanding and good wishes of Akatpitsjin's wife. This is a cathartic and deeply moving experience for Schneebaum, who had found little other than condemnation for homosexuality in the Western world. Despite their cultural differences and life experiences, Akatpitsjin and Schneebaum connect in a way that probably neither of them will ever forget:

> I was lucky to have found Akatpitsjin, for he made me go as far as I could in what my early life had insisted was unnatural. With him I fitted into a pattern of life that was completely acceptable. It is not that I had ever felt myself to be abnormal, only that I appeared so in the minds of others. However, at the same time I realized that I could go no further in my search, I discovered that I was satisfied with myself, with who I was. I felt part of a family that was part of all families.

Schneebaum did not find anything approximating this "mbai" relationship between women. When pressed as to the kinds of non-heterosexual practices available to women, Schneebaum got vague half-answers. Then again, this is a male dominated society where men are mostly in contact with foreigners; women appear more in the background taking care of households or foraging for sago, a stable food source for the Asmat. It would be worth speculating whether or not a woman doing fieldwork might get a better entree into female sex practices. And anthropology, save a few notable exceptions, has been a male domain as well.

On the other hand, Schneebaum is likely to raise the hackles of some who would find his work interesting, exotic, but unimportant, others who would dismiss it because the sacred line between observer/observed is trespassed, and still others condemning it because of the homosexual content. *Where the Spirits Dwell* ends up a heartening, personal memoir; certainly not the stuff textbook anthropology is likely to include. I hope it finds a place and an audience among the more tedious and spiritless work churned out by the social sciences. The book concludes Schneebaum's autobiographic trilogy; both the earlier *Keep the River On Your Right* and *The Wild Man* are fine reading.



1988 2nd Annual International Ms. Leather Contest













The GiftCenter Pavillion was sold out for the 2nd Annual International Ms. Leather contest on March 26. Pictured — center: The Proud Winner — Shawn Carr of Portland, Oregon, the new 1988 International Ms. Leather. Then clockwise, starting above: Carr is congratulated from an admiring member of the audience; Lizzy Black traveled all the way from Portland, OR; in the fantasy section of the program, Ms. Lion attacks Ms. Lion Tamer; these high heels & fancy calves belong to Sky Renfro, president of International Ms. Leather, Inc.; a hot "Fan Dance" by Alder; and Judy Tallwing-McCarthey, the first International Ms. Leather (1987). All photos by Jane Cleland

Astrology...

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your money. The uncertainty there could lead you to misjudge your situation at work, which is in for dramatic changes. It could go tremendously well, but you need to be very clear about your bargaining position before you take any risks.

Sagittarius: Are we having fun yet? Are we having fun still? Your vast proclivity for merrymaking may obscure to you the news when the party's over. Fortunately, you are blessed with a spiritual nature. When others seem to be pooping out, take the hint and focus your generous energies on generous works.

Capricorn: Your vast reserves of inner strength are news to nobody, but even you may get tired of having to call on them. Domestic affairs occupy your attention, work issues require big changes. What's a goat to do? You're probably demanding too much of yourself. Sure, so is everybody else, but you can say no. You can also delay certain tasks until you've had time to step out and get things into perspective. Now repeat after me: "Let me think about that and get back to you."

Aquarius: You are well informed on all issues and have very articulate opinions. Everybody knows it, and when they want your opinion, they'll be sure to ask for it. You'll do well to speak through actions rather than words and cultivate a slight air of mystery. Cultivating an air of mystery is not the same as leaving a wake of befuddlement. You already do that quite well.

Pisces: Your finances are amazingly clear right now, but your priorities are more than usually confused. Really dear, what do you want to be when you grow up? You should always ask yourself this question twice. The first time express your truest desires in defiance of reality. Then look around you and find an answer that satisfies your heart and accomodates reality. Figure that out and order your life's priorities accordingly.

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before we'd even gotten the space at Fort Mason — and everyone said, "Ooh, Life on the Water, that's great, oh, it's like poetry, wow, this is a California experience." Three weeks later Bill Talen (one of the partners of Life on the Water) called me and we all talked about the possibility of getting this space at Fort Mason, and we said, "Well, what'll we call it?' and I said, "Lets call it Life on the Water," and all of a sudden we go, "Oooo, we're *on* the water. This is too hip, this is California, we're happening!" We talked for months about our image and our logo, and marketing people told us we shouldn't call it Life on the Water — "It's gotta say theatre" — and we said, "No, no, if we do it this way, people will never forget who we are! I go to New York and I tell people I'm from Life on the Water and they say, "Hey, I've heard of that." I don't know if they have or not, but they act like they have.

So, these things do happen. There is magic in the world.

Ellen Sebastian's The Sanctified Church *opens on April 7 for a minimum of six weeks at Fort Mason's Life on the Water. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from $9-$17. Info: 776-8999.*

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cism is a block; it manifests as inertia.

I think it's crucial, if the leaders of the movement are looking back, for them to congratulate themselves on everything they've done to raise questions, to raise consciousness, to implement their original visions. Some solutions panned out better than others.

And it's a time to look forward, not to get stuck in psychological stasis. To see the world as it exists for women today. To see the problems and the injustices, and to imagine new goals so as to work on new solutions. It's time to turn towards the realities at hand, to examine the ideals of other groups where movement is happening.

Perhaps, as women, we should look towards lesbian/gay politics to see where the frontline of activism is really happening, where openly radical lifestyles, re-defined family situations, sex role and gender issues are being explored by people whose very lives pose a threat to the patriarchy. Let the women's movement learn about death and annihilation from the hordes of young people dying from AIDS and from the New Age spiritualities people are turning to for solace, for inspiration, for ways of speeding up insights in order to build the new world now.

Feminists can't simply be archaeologists, digging up the myths of the Goddesses. We've got to understand the connection between Mother Earth and the radical Ecology Movement. We've got to deal with acid rain, the rupture of the ozone layer, defoliation and starvation in Africa, the poisoning of our air and water.

It's time to turn towards the radical cutting edge again. The mainstream lacks vision. They're too busy working on securing their personal futures, while the world itself is dying. There needs to be an activation of real networking between mainstream feminism and radical politics if feminism is to remain a viable political reality.

I found it disconcerting that of the hundreds of women attending the Ms. event, there were only a handful of women of color, and I found it revealing that there were conspicuously few women in the audience who weren't over 40. It was an overwhelmingly white, mainstream, professionally-oriented and well-dressed crowd.

As for the Ms. Foundation, if it is as they say "the only public nationwide, multi-issue fund entirely devoted to supporting self-help projects for women and girls, and funding survival and cutting-edge issues of critical importance to women, and projects that bring women together across boundaries of race, class, ethnicity, age, sexuality, and geographic isolation," then why wasn't there more of a diversity in the audience of supporters?

Why not have speakers who could give first-person accounts of how the grants helped better their lives or the lives of women under their organizational auspices? Where was the radical, cutting-edge represented? I realize that fundraisers are instituted in order to raise as much cash as possible. But why not set aside some sliding-scale space, especially when there is room for those who wish to join in the celebration but who can't afford the $75 ticket, and not just for students or seniors, but for everywoman in between?

If the women's movement wants to survive in a holistic way, I think it's important to examine why and wherefore the splintering has occurred. Examining personal wounds is important. Examining the wounds of the body politic is essential. Overlooking where the gaps occur along lines of age, race, class, and political orientation between women is deadly for any movement which strives for an organic representative equality.

Besides, as sure as the gap widens, that's as sure as the women's movement becomes alienated from its roots, and loses the vitality which it needs for its basic sustenance.

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actors are gay in order for them to work here, and you can't do that. I've said that we hope people know we're a gay/lesbian theatre. We make no bones about that. When people come to audition, they know that. If people choose to work here, I have to assume their politics are right. I don't really know who they sleep with and it really isn't my business.

I guess if I have one pet project it would be a love story with two black men in it. I would like to see on stage two men of color relating to each other in some romantic fashion. That's something we haven't seen here.

One thing I've heard is that some of the gay male supporters of the theatre would prefer that it be a gay theatre and not gay/lesbian. Have you found that to be true?

I haven't really seen that in the six months that I've been here. I know that there are male subscribers who take issue with how much women's stuff is done.

Has any of it been directed to you personally?

Yes. I've gotten some notes. I can only explain to them that it is a gay and lesbian theatre, and 40 percent of the subscriber base is female. This isn't something new. I think that it was Allan's idea all along. When he started the theatre, he wisely catered it to gay men, because the theatre needed to have a subscription base to survive, but I think that he always thought that it would be a gay and lesbian theatre. A lot of what he did, and a lot of his ideas acted on that. I don't know that it's an issue that will ever be solved, because you can't please everybody all of the time.

What about the audience. Do you think that Rhino should be of, by and for the gay and lesbian community or that it should be attempting to attract a more mainstream audience?

Well, I have to answer that question two ways. I think that our priority should be to service the gay and lesbian community. However, I think that the theatre should grow and be a professional theatre, not a community theatre. Now by that I don't mean that we should stop servicing the community, but in terms of how it operates, after 10 years I think the theatre should make the step to become a professional theatre — a professional gay/lesbian theatre. I think that the quality of the work that I've seen since I've been back from Europe is such that it will attract an audience that is broader than the gay/lesbian community, but I never want gays and lesbians to feel uncomfortable being here. I also want gay and lesbian artists to feel comfortable working here, because they don't get to work. They are usually discriminated against in other places, and the only way you get to learn this business is by doing it.

The other thing is that Theatre Rhinoceros is becoming one of the few highly visible, producing, gay theatres in the country. Maybe we have to become more national in how we view ourselves so that we can be kind of the Kennedy Center, if you will, of gay theatre. We have a building; we have a proven record; we're still here.

Guide...

Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.

"Jackson Street," weekly therapy group for lesbians & gays under 21. Work on issues: coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, AIDS anxiety & other health issues. "Jackson Street" was formed to provide a place for young people to talk, find support & feel comfortable exploring their sexuality. Facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Ron Henderson. 3-5 pm, Ctr for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson St, (bet Van Ness & Franklin) SF. Spons by the Sexual Minority Youth Program at the Ctr for Special Problems. Info: Ron or Ruth 558-4801.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Lesbian/Gay Youth Project spons by the Ministry of Light (a non-judgemental ministry with the lesbian/gay community) meets first, second & third Thurs of every month, 6:30-7:30 pm drop-in, 7:30-9 pm group. Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo, 94960. Info: Chris or Paul 457-1115.

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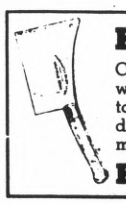
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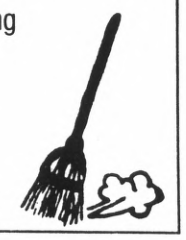
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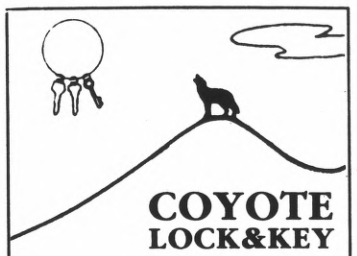
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THE PERSONALS

WOMEN

Recent Arrival

with lots of friends but no romance hopes to meet someone who values honesty, passion, intelligence, curiosity and introspection. I'm a 40 year old successful journalist who is both politically progressive and upwardly mobile. I'm attractive, androgynous and very energetic. I enjoy tennis, sex, classical music, the outdoors, and dinner parties with good friends. No heavy drinkers or smokers, please. Like-minded dykes, please Reply CU! Box AP1.

Inexperienced & Shy

Professionally employed woman seeking a commanding sensitive woman over 30 for safe exploration of light S/M. I am quiet, passionate & believe that development of friendship is important as I wish to share romantic dinners, quiet cafes, moonlight walks, relaxing in a hot tub, getaways to the country. (No heavy drinking, drugs.) Write & tell me about you. Reply CU! Box AP2.

UPbeat

educated, humorous, ambitious, friendly, courteous, caring, relaxed, affectionate, cheerful, optimistic woman seeks women any age/race for dating or friendship. I'm 24, 5'3", very attractive — mixed (black and white), very light complexion, dark hair, br eyes, slim, shapely, sexy, androgynous, stylish. My enjoyments include spiritual/personal growth, dancing, learning, the ocean, romantic getaways, comedy, theater, and leading a fun, meaningful and prosperous life. Reply Boxholder, POB 5756, SF 94101.

Desperately Seeking Susan or ?

I need an affair. My partner is celibate & I'm frustrated. I'm an attractive, independent, intelligent, conscious & spiritual professional woman. I'm passionate, sensual & affectionate. I enjoy dancing, walking by the ocean, dinners at fine restaurants, theater, music and cuddling by the TV for 1940 movies. I'd love to hear from that special woman 35-55. Reply CU! Box AP3.

We've Met Before

I know you're out there just waiting for the woman in your dreams. You are sensitive and emotional but strong, shy but occasionally erotically aggressive, independent but unhappy alone. You know I'm out here too — the incurable romantic, passionate yet tender, devoted to loving and being loved, and so lonely without you. If a full heart makes you feel wealthy, then it's time to meet. Please write. Reply CU! Box AP4.

Santa Cruz Mtn. Area

Woman seeks mail-order bride with good teeth, own livestock and/or dowry. Must be of good stock & yearn for pleasures of marital bed. OR: am willing to overlook all aforementioned requirements for one night of unbridled passion with woman who enjoys life/love in mountains. Reply CU! Box AP5.

Do You Like Big-N-Beautiful?

Not too big but beautiful? Blond blue-eyed active woman looking for someone to help show me the culture in Bay Area but don't mind getting dirty in the great outdoors. I work midnight so would like to meet people who have days free but will answer all replies for friendship or maybe more. Who knows I might be just the right person. Reply CU! Box AP6.

East Bay Love Goddess

39 year old woman of modest, but independent means would like to meet someone with a sense of humor. If you can laugh at life's serious side, love animals, like camping, won't make me do phones, don't drink excessively. don't dance, won't make me smoke outside, and have never eaten the head off a chocolate bunny, where are you, my dream lover? Please — no lizards, old men, or felons (unless you wuz framed.) Reply CU! Box AP7.

Desperately Seeking Susan

Amazon, Sagittarius, 29, seeks soul mate. Dependable, committed, open-minded with a sense of humour. Are you attractive, 21-35, 5'3" - 5'6½", like some amounts of aggressiveness but no B/D or S/M? I love animals, nature, music and enjoy the freedoms of liberation. Must be kind, understanding, and flexible. Fill in my empty heart. Reply CU! Box AP8.

Rabbit: "I Want Extravagance!"

Hat: "Of Imagination."
Rabbit: "and riches!"
Hat: "of the heart."
White Glove: "A combination of the two is magic."

Performing Arts worker with knack for making great adventures out of little money and ordinary days is looking for good storyteller (30$), warm heart, energetic lover of nature and balcony seats. Drop me a line. Reply CU! Box AP9.

Ready for a Partner

Mature, attractive, fun-loving, witty, bright 36 year old lesbian looking for mate to share life with, including having a family. Stable, rewarding career as helping professional. East Bay. Love movies, reading, walks, San Francisco, the ocean, music (especially Rock & Roll, Classical, and Women's), plays and concerts, intimate conversations, and great friends. Very spiritual and a deep thinker. Enjoy quiet evenings at home, the news, rocking chairs, and Wheel of Fortune. Reply CU! Box AP10.

Offbeat, Low-Keyed

young exec. is looking for women to share time with. Work and home keep me busy but my passion for new foods/terrain would be complemented by a woman who has time to travel and flexibility to stray from the beaten path. Decadence in the art of feeling good comes easily — once discovered. Your preference for clean air and quiet living (and a healthy physique) will enhance compatible travel. Caution — I'm a woman of simple dreams, torn by a complex reality. PLEASE — contented "city girls", 9 to 5-ers (unless those are your play hours), tobacco indulgers need not respond. Be adventurous, meet new people - drop a note and number. After all, we can always sit over coffee then forget we ever met. Reply CU! Box AP11.

I'd Never Use a "Y"

to spell "woman." And my response to "butch top" is yikes! Sometimes I think I don't meet more women because, as a friend once said, I look like something out of a Gidgit movie. Armchair literary critic, 20s, sometimes cranky, sometimes ebullient, seeks the kind of person who might respond to this ad. Coffee, etc.? Wrtie me. Reply CU! Box AP12.

Looking For A Great Body?

Intelligent and attractive too? A body you'll want to wrap yourself around or be wrapped by . . . electric, professional, passionate, joyful, creative, dynamic, fun loving , athletic, liberal, sensual . . . You must know how to kiss! I have high expectations, can you fulfill them? I will soon be 32, I will always be very fit, have flashing green eyes, and an adventurous spirit! Are you in SF, Marin, Berkeley? I love my work, sports, animals, family . . . How about you? Please do not smoke. Reply CU! Box AP13.

Seeking Intimacy

I'm romantic, warm, gentle, compassionate, and funny. I'm proessionally employed, welleducated, love my work, but I don't bring it home. I'm 5'1", petite, pretty, mildly athletic, of good heart and mind, both spiritually and materially oriented, and psychologically aware. I'm looking for a woman with simlar qualities, who is interested in friendship evolving into intimacy and commitment. Reply CU! Box AP14.

Woman Facing Southeast

I never imagined it would happen in such an unsuspecting way. All the while I was looking elsewhere, she drew nearer and nearer until her essence superimposed itself upon my own. I wouldn't let my eyes give me away, though . . . I had heard about what happens to wayward girls who give public eye. I told her that strength is a smiling Buddha. To no avail. It read between the lines, her resonant heart, and I was undone. Reply CU! Box AP15.

Femme seeks Femme

Attractive 31 year old lesbian seeking friendship or possibly a romantic relationship. You are 27-35, attractive and live in SF. You are not afraid of honest communication and are dedicated to personal growth. My interests are vast but some of them include: bicycling, swimming, camping, flea markets, cafes, dancing and quiet times at home. I'm easygoing, warm and caring. I prefer no drugs, alcohol or smoking. Reply CU! Box AP16.

30 year old woman looking for someone willing to take the time to establish a friendship. If an attraction is there or develops, all the better. My social interests are varies and not exclusively lesbian. I've been told I'm attractive, intelligent and (my fave) funny. A sense of humor is very important to me. For me it encompasses many levels of thought & feelings. For the record, I was involved with only one woman for 2 years. In some ways, my experience is limited, but in other ways it's limitless. Excessive drinking and smoking puts me off. A sense of wonder about people and life in general turns me on. Reply CU! Box AP17.

Let's Get Intense!

Very unusual woman, 36, intelligent, sensual, gently, looking for a special woman 18-30 for intense relationship. I am seeking someone like myself who enjoys emotional and physical closeness in a non-possessive, non-monogamous relationship. I am very open and a good communicator. Prefer someone who is feminine and not into roles. Okay if you are just beginning to explore with women or are bisexual. Photo appreciated. Reply CU! Box AP18.

Butch & Androgynous Women

Are you sturdy, stocky, hail & hardy? Full of fun, love to party? Into trips to the country, redwoods, beaches, and hot tubs? Are you a non-smoker over 50 and under 5'8"? I'm 48, 5'3", 110 lbs., Libra, fem of center, happy, loving, and casual. I can offer modest accommodations and entertainment. Picture on request. Will answer all. Reply Boxholder, POB 1567, Mendocino,CA 95460.

Seeking My First Lover

But friendship is nice, too. I'm 24, sensitive, shy, sense of humor. My interests include: books, films, sports, cooking, animals, hiking. My idea of a good time involves long walks, conversations, dinners at home or out, movies, concerts, ballgames and chocolate. If you are a gentlewoman with an interest in any or all of the above, let's get together. No smoke/drugs. Reply CU! Box AP19.

Hello Out There!

Happy, active, energetic 27 year old woman wants female companion with similar outlook. My present interests include music, reading, bicycling, swimming & walking about town, neon art. Not interested in bars or drugs or scenes. Definitely interested in having fun. New to SF. Write today and tell me what you're looking for and how I can best contact you. Reply CU! Box AP20.

Hacky-Sack?

Lesbian seeks lesbian to kick the sack! Reply CU! Box AP21.

Be Still My Beating Heart

is what I want to be thinking upon our first date. Having to describe myself in such a short space is no easy task but here goes.... I am a 26 y.o. 5'6" "Rubenesque" (femme to slightly butch) redheaded Cancerian (strong but gentle) with smiling blue Irish eyes. You are over 26 y.o. under 5'9" femme who can drive me wild by whispering sweet nothings into my ear or making those sexy lovemaking sounds that you do so well. Like: flirting, weekend getaways, spontaneous sex, Sunday brunch (with the Chronicle), candlelight massages, coffeehouses, old films & T.V. sitcoms, live comedy shows, David Letterman, Pee Wee Herman, John Waters, Woody Allen, Live 105, KFOG, winetasting, good hearty food and conversation, going out on the town, sports (spectator), Monty Python, vacationing to Pacific Islands, children, openness and vulnerability. Dislike: man-haters, heavy butches, closet dominators, jealous and manipulative people, alcoholics, smokers and drug users (some drinking and pot ok), exercise addicts, women who complain about their bodies, inability to be sexually intimate. Interested? Drop me a line and tell me who you are. Phone number and a photo would be nice but not essential. Reply CU! Box AP22.

Vibrant/Positive Outlook

Caring, feeling, affectionate, self-aware, hi-energy, "fem" of center/androgynous woman ("fem"/"butch" refer to energy flow & not roles unless good ones), nurturing & assertive sexuality; feel almost constant erotic charge; tall, sensitive, accepting, kind, conscious, passionate, compassionate; some chosen vulnerability; knowledgeable, into holistic health, honesty, and respect rights of all, wants feeling, affectionate, gentle, caring, sexually assertive, horny, "butch" of center or androgynous partner who is gentle, sharing & accepting. I enjoy relating, walking, music, arts. Have varied interests, causes. Reply CU! Box AP23.

Sunday: The Day I Need the Most

GWF writer, 27, attractive, ivy-educated, good listener, athletic & warm, seeking fit, fun, together, politically aware, good-looking academic or career-oriented 23-33 year old. I like Dennis Altman, Thai, Suzanne Vega, dancing, new faces & ideas. I'm smoke & drug-free. Interested in romantic adventure, intelligent conversation, carousing the town, more if we're lucky. Reply CU! Box AP24.

Recovering Art Major

And unsuccessful poseur. Quirky, cute, feminine (but not "femme") Asian, seeks trim, late 20's-30's androgynous adventurer for affair (or maybe just a stimulating cup of coffee). You're weird, funny, complex, a cross between "Mo" (of Dykes to Watch Out for), Beebo Brinker, and Mrs. Peel. Sense of style appreciated, but occasional lapses of good taste OK. Reply CU! Box AP25.

I Want A Woman

And I have high expectations. I want a friend and a lover who can imagine herself in a relationship based on trust and communication; someone for whom passion and intensity are more than words from dead poets and advertisers and who finds joy in exploration and comfort in closeness. I want someone who can define her life in terms of the truths she holds as well as those which she continues to seek. I am a Bi WF, 29, tall, slender and attractive. I am out to my partner and I seek a separate and equal relationship with a woman. I picture us hiking through sun-filtered woods; evenings we linger over long dinners together; and on weekends we're dicovering warm and intimate hidden-away places. If you're thinking what I'm thinking, I'd like to hear from you. Reply CU! Box AP26.

Best of Both Worlds

We're healthy, adventurous and intelligent, a loving and secure oriental M/WF couple. Looking for a woman to share the best of both worlds: a woman who is mature, sensual, positive, playful and open to unlimited horizons, one who appreciates independence and belonging. Reply CU! Box AP27.

Future Ex-Girlfriend

Cynical about love and life but unwilling to forego either, I'm looking for a woman who isn't necessarily looking for romance. If you enjoy reading subtitles as well as prose, will listen to any music that's not country/western, are politically aware, cynical, posses a fine sense of humour, are single, lesbian, at least 28 and can part with a photo, please Reply CU! Box AP28.

Looking For Magic Women

25-45, intelligent, honest, aware, creative, sensitive, fun, metaphysical! Junk stores, fixing dinner, music, snuggling, save the world conversations make my day. Sex is not out of the question (nor intimacy). Attracted to dark hair/eyes, medium height, strong, feminine types. Nonsmoker, health conscious. Not attracted to overweight, fanatics, doomsayers, substance/alcohol abusers, obsessive 12 steppers. I'm 37, counselor, 5'2", 115 lbs., androgynous, light brown hair. Reply CU! Box AP29.

Experience

Is what you get when you don't get what you want. What I want is just one of the 50,000 lovers the Grab Bag says is out there for each of us. But I've got flaws. Over the years I've been called stupid 'cause I won't cheat on my expense account; a spendthrift for giving presents without an occasion; lazy for turning down a promotion that required 12 hour days; selfish for insisting on monogamy; butch cause I'm big and have shortish hair; muddled cause I like Momix and the A's; demanding for refusing to date women who smoke or are rebounding. And worst of all people say I'm nice. (The kiss of death.) It's all true but I still feel there's hope for this 36 year old. If you think so too, Reply CU! Box AP30.

Genuine, Sincere

Very attractive professional black lesbian, 33, 5'2", nice body and mind seeking to meet new friends for dating & friendship — any race/age who share same interests. Enjoy theatre, romantic getaways, new restaurants, dancing, or just staying in cuddling watching movies. If you're attractive, intelligent, sensitive, caring, send photo and phone #. All replies will be answered. Reply CU! Box AP31.

Dykes to Watch Out For



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Just One Nice Man

I know you're out there! A condomized top about my age or younger, dark complexioned. Extra points earned for being uncut, maybe tall, curly hair, and easy smile with warm heart. You might just capture the heart of this successful GWM! The specs are: 44, husky 200, gray-brown hair, and hairy 6'1". You shouldn't pass up this ad without also knowing that I'm easygoing, warm, generous, fun, and love to please. A photo would be nice and returned. Smokers okay.Reply CU! Box AP50.

Handsome Hairy Blond Man

Artistic & creative in spirit, successful computer professional in real life. 36, blond/blu, 5'10", 145 lbs., short beard, nonsmoker. Very masculine, un-gay, and sexual. Into down-to-earth masculinity, Levis, crotch work, nipples, ext w/s, sensuality, new ideas. Looking for another naturally masculine guy, thirties, with the right chemistry. If you are a genuine, sincere, nonsuperficial man, send note and returnable photo to Boxholder, POB 14223, SF 94114

One Hand Clapping?

Have you ever heard the sound of one hand clapping? Lately, I have. It's been three years between relationships. I've a good life but want to share it with someone special to share these special times. I'm a goodlooking, masculine, good shape for 48 (OK, I do work at it by going to gym four times weekly) 5'9", 155, top, safe, HIV Neg, fun loving, terrible cook (but great eater), enjoys everything from opera to baseball. I want to meet someone who is mature (the last relationship which ended three years ago I tried to raise someone else's kid), who isn't into booze, dope, bars etc., between 30-45, socially concerned (latent Republican tendencies are OK), who is willing to make a relationship work by working at it . . . someone who wants to do things together (travel, hiking, weekends out of the city) but doesn't feel the need to be joined at the hips and values privacy; someone who has experienced long-term relationships and is ready to try again. Get the picture? If you do and want to meet a quality person that relates to your qualities, send me your picture and a letter and I will do the same. Let's meet and see if the chemistry is right. Two hands clapping? Reply CU! Box AP51.

HIV + and Alive & Well

GWM, 41, 170, seeks same for friendship plus. I am a bottom man and feel comfortable in that role. Attracted to hairy, bearded aggressive men over 40 who feel the need for something new, exciting and special in their life. Eclectic interests to share. Send phone so we can chat. Reply Boxholder, 146595, SF 94114.

Dominant Top Wanted

Attractive GWM, 23, blond hair, green eyes, moustache, 155 lbs., HIV + but healthy. In very good shape with a good sense of humor. Into nude sunbathing, working out, and light s/m including bondage, spanking, fantasies, dildoes, giving service and wearing a collar for my owner. Looking for a dominant top to satisfy and discipline me. For possible relationship or friendship send photo or detailed description and phone. Reply CU! Box AP52.

May-November Partnership

GWM, 50, 5'11", 165, HIV+; handsome, affluent, generous, bi-coastal, seeks young man to share loving relationship. You must be intelligent, attractive, mature, ready for a stable relationship. Freedom to travel is a big plus. Reply with phone, photo to Reply CU! Box AP53.

Jockstraps, Jockey Shorts, Boxers

Hiding your big, thick dick turns me on. GWM, 50, 5'6", cut wants you to kick back, relax, while I sniff around, explore, then worship what you got!! Drop me a "brief" note and enjoy an erotic evening or weekend afternoon where your crotch is king!! Your "underall" fantasy, butch or fem, my cup of tea. Let's talk, get together! Reply CU! Box AP54.

Hot Bottom

Slender, intelligent, bi male, long dark hair, creative, imaginative, 6', 160, smooth, round, responsive buns, mid-40s, HIV Neg, likes photography, film, wants to meet smart, trim, articulate top, HIV negative, sense of humor, who will turn me over for long, hot spankings/fuckings.Reply CU! Box AP55.

Neither Top Nor Bottom

Usually low key older guy can become quite passionate even hotly responsive when sharing certain intimacies. Like me you should be super clean, HIV Neg, cut, healthy, reasonably well put together — but not an Adonis! Sensual touching, mutual nipple-play, j/o, cuddling, comfortably affectionate are important compatibilities. Adventures and quiet times and sense of humor would add to our contentment. Photo and phone your option. Reply CU! Box AP56.

Are You Looking?

Hi! Would you like to meet a guy to grow close to, date, be romantic, and have safe sex with? I'm a GWM, 39, nice looking, top, 5'8", 138 lbs. You should be to age 36, white or hispanic, cut, bottom, and slim to small flame body. If you enjoy great and hot sex, then write to me. Reply Boxholder, POB 4235, Oakland, CA 94614. Photo and phone please!

You're Needed

GBM, 41, 6', 180 lbs.,seeks a good friend or more into art, home life, video. YOU: between 35-55, sincere, healthy, professional, working, affectionate, latino or white a plus — photos exchanged — very spiritual, love of people — This is a good age. Let's enjoy life, be supportive and encouraging to one another.Reply CU! Box AP57

Passion/Friendship

Caucasian male seeking respect, relationship, friendship with Asian/Latin/Caucasian under 45 who is in good shape, open-minded, aware of the good and bad in life, but above all respect for others regardless of their shortcomings. Compatibility/chemistry is of no real consequence. Serious responses/details only. No B.S. Photo optional. Reply Boxholder, POB 225, Moffett Field, CA 94035. On parle le francais.

Muscle Mate

Bodybuilder seeks similar types. Share workouts, goals, build friendships, maybe even a relationship. Enjoy mutual display, nude beaches, healthy life style. Am intelligent so brains in addition to brawn are a plus. Safe, masculine, hot. Answer all. Exchange photos. Reply CU! Box AP58.

Compulsive Masturbator

Sonoma Co. dude, gdlkg. 38, seeks obsessive, uninhibited j/o pigs. Into long sessions, greasy scenes, porno, man-to-man exhibitionism, dirty talk. Stroke your cock for me — and I'll do the same for you. Photo, phone: BAE II, POB 3978, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Hit Those Balls!

I'm healthy, GWM, 29, 180, 6' 0", cleanshaven, smooth, brn/brn & HIV Neg., goodlooking and orally submissive who likes his big smooth balls hit, squeezed, kicked by a hot male 18-30 y.o. no beards; race and size unimportant. Experimenters, skate/punks especially welcome. Reply with phone number and photo if possible. Reply CU! Box AP59.

Immovable Top Seeks

Irresistable bottom. I am: healthy, 42, Capricorn, German descent, good looking daddy-type, smooth defined muscular body (Great Pecs!), 6', 170, 31"W 42"C, workout daily, moustache and longish dark hair turning silver. Are You: young for your age, nice looking, athletic build (gorgeous tits and fuzzy butt), dynamic personality, socially aggressive and sexually passive? If you're furry as a bear and hairy as an ape, would you be the Teddy and Gorilla of my dreams? Bring out the Animal in me, and I'll tame your wildest desires. LOVE: ME! Reply Boxholder, POB 14184, SF 94114.

That Special Someone

Are you intelligent? Creatively inclined? Professional and goal-oriented? Do you appreciate deep, personal interaction? Got a playful sense of humor? If so, we share some good qualities. This handsome, healthy (HIV neg), masculine GWM seks the same (Latin, Mediterranean welcomed) for a special friendship and possibly more. I'm a successful graphic artist who's 32, 6' 2", with brn/blu and a moustache. Seeking an attractive soulmate/playmate (mid 20's - late 30's) who believes in affection, and passionate, monogamous romance — but knows that good relationships are founded on good friendships. Please send letter and photo.Reply CU! Box AP60.

Bay Suck Buddies

This man figures it's about time to get together with men of like minds. Duos and groups. Even "parties." All the evidence from oral research proves it's relatively safe. Care to comment? Let's get a non-profit network of safe buddies going. Let's cut right through the bull. Let's get down to business. Interested, buddy? INFO: Send a S.A.S.E. to Boxholdeer, 584 Castro #395, SF 94114.

Rural Guy

GWM 6'1", 42 y.o., 195 lbs., bearded & burley, brown hair & eyes. Enjoy frequent kissing, cuddling & hot sex. Seek very healthy & trustworthy man who loves country life & animals, is very affectionate & supportive. Maybe we can meet the world together as two masculine (but not macho) men. Please reply with complete and detailed letter. All letters answered. Reply CU! Box AP61.

Dear Son

Your dad wants to cuddle with you and share affection in and out of bed. No games, just two caring people sharing experiences and providing mutual support. Together we'll share dreams and frustrations, and comfort one another. Dad is 5'9", 180 untoned pounds, with s/p hair and moustache. You are shorter, and have facial or body hair. Age, size, looks not important. Honesty and sincerity are. You are self-sufficient, but will enjoy spending a quiet evening or weekends together sharing simple pleasures. Send detailed letter about how you'd please your dad and about yourself to Boxholder, 65 Ora Way, Box 103, SF 94131.

Too Much — Not Enough?

I'm seeking a mate for a monogamous relationship who has the same desires. Simply, too much lovemaking is not enough. The more the better. I am GWM, mid 40's (look younger), 5'8", 145 lbs., brn hair, green eyes, moustache, very passionate and affectionate — g/p, f/a — you must be topman very g/a. I am aware there are other aspects to a successful relationship. we'll strive for commitment, sincerity, homelife (hopefully) and sharing good times as well as bad. Reply Boxholder, POB 421159, SF 94142.

Are You Special?

Very attractive, ex-model, 21, 5'11", GBM looking for dating and possible relationship with masculine, secure, and intelligent man who's sown wild oats and looking for more. I enjoy working out, reading, art & other various hobbies. Very active & affectionate. Financially & emotionally secure. Educated. You: Any race, 6'or more. 20-30 years. Looks not as important as character, self-pride or values. I've a great sense of humor so should you. Photo please (will return). No fetishes or exhibitionists. Reply CU! Box AP63.

County Heifer Seeks City Slim

Seeking goodlooking proportionate gay male 21-37, cut! I am goodlooking fat GWM 36 wanting a friend to hug and warm you in your T-shirt, 501s and little boy's underwear, bikinis, speedos! For real, no bull girl! Cut me in, clamp onto me, slap me you bitch! I want to enjoy and share with you! Photo/phone. Reply: Boxholder, POB 3978, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Masculine, Stable & Tender

I want to meet a man who is serious about a committed, open relationship. I am masculine, 40 y.o. GWM, HIV Neg., Professionally established. I don't go to bars often, but when I do I go to Folsom bars. I work out regularly and am drawn to eastern religions & meditation. Sexually, I have mostly been on top. You are masculine, 30-40 y.o. GWM, preferably dark (I love Italians), HIV Neg., and professionally estblished. You are probably more bottom than top, and you love a tender man. You have your head on straight and want a man to share your life with. Let's meet & talk. Please send photo.Reply CU! Box AP64.

Looking for Playmate

Gay Latin Man, 28, 6', 175 lbs., Br/br, very handsome with a good body (I love to workout!) looking for a new pal to have some fun times with. I want to get to know someone without any pressure. My passions are sports, film, fitness, politics, A.M.C. & music. I'm a true romantic and believe Sundays were made to stay in bed. I prefer GWM 25-35 who like to workout, hangout, and make out. Non-smoker prfr. Write me a note and send me a photo. I'll send one back. Let's play! Reply Boxholder, 2261 Market St.,#182, SF,CA 94114.

Sharing Love

Let's support ourselves to love ourselves totally by luxuriating in the love between us. I'm an iconoclastic GWM, devoted to service through individual and planetary inspiration/transformation. (Nothing else will do!) 5'6", 136 lbs., strong & smooth-skinned with a sensual body; I look as great as Jane Fonda will look when she turns 42 in her next male incarnation. I love swimming & working out, yoga, meditation, classical & New Age music, inspirational teachings, jacuzzis, the beach & the sun, movies, men's bodies, & the act of creation. Please include a photo. Reply CU! Box AP65.

Country Western Lead

W/M, 39, 5'6", dark bld, hazel eyes, looking for country western lead. I work out at a gym 6 days a week and have many varied interests. Spend a great deal of time at the Rawhide SF and Turf Club Hayward. Would like to meet someone who really likes to dance. I'm looking for a dance partner & possible partner in life. I smoke, but don't drink or do drugs. If interested, please drop me a line, maybe we can take a couple turns around the floor. All letters answered. Reply Boxholder, POB 444, San Lorenzo, CA 94580.

Just Available

Very attractive professional 45 year old GWM just became available to explore a potential relationship with a stable sensitive fun-loving person. After three years out of a long-term relationship, I am ready once more to share my nearly complete, active life. I am a man able to give as well as receive and I value those who are able to appreciate my emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual balance. Please respond with a photo and your personal impressions to my ad. Reply CU! Box AP66.

I Want an "Equal" Partner

Relationship between two masculine equal men. We are bright, attractive, playful, mischievious, sexy, effective, professional, successful, athletic feeling men up to creating unusual living/loving. We love, respect and support each other's strengths and commonalities as well as our weaknesses and differences. Able to create "I" then "We". GWM, 36, 5'9", 140 lbs., 40" hairy chest, 28" waist, body builder, strong runner's legs, expressive/seductive brown eyes, attractive short brown thinning hair, bright smile, successful psychologist. If you're similar, taller a plus, up to doing the work a relationship takes, able to communicate through the great and hard times, HIV-Neg., intellectually & emotionally available, then take "We" on. Letter and picture (optional). Reply Boxholder, POB 14032, SF,CA 94114.

Someone to Love

I'm looking for someone to love. In my 50's, you're younger. We'll travel some, hike some, and do whatever else you like to do. Big Sur, Tahoe, Yosemite, Palm Springs, Nepal, New Zealand, Grand Ganyon, Switzerland. Though we're both healthy and in great shape (I'm 5'8", eyes of blue, 145 lbs.) we'll eat chocolate & apple dumplings. When people see us in the woods or in the Carnelian Room, they'll stop and stare at two such good-looking, charismatic men. (This is only a slight exaggeration.) We'll cuddle, play, smile, laugh & cry together. I want to make a life commitment. Willing to adjust my life, to be flexible and open to change. I'm mature, caring, dynamic, energetic, secure, happy, vibrant, loving, responsible, healthy, sensual, busy, intelligent, patient, romantic, sincere, impulsive. I "work" a lot because I like what I do, it's part of my life. The pleasure of life is in the living, not in the destination. Let's live the rest of it together. Please respond. I can't wait to meet you. Photo will be returned. Reply CU! Box AP67.

Gentle Get Together

Feel all over torso, limbs; rub chests, thighs; stroke chest hair, armpits; caress nipples, cuddle, clinch. J/O or just body comfort, perhaps also mind, spirit, dialogue or silence. Your pleasure be mine. I am of European background 5'10", 140, 63 but I like trim older men. Please Reply Boxholder, POB 294, SF, CA 94101.

Quality Man of Any Race

Are you wanting a stronger, more self-confident older man with a gym-toned, athletic build to come into your life and make good things happen? I live fully, enjoying a design career in SF and weekends at a sunny North Bay hideaway. I'm 6'4", 195, health conscious and top in bed. Reply CU! Box AP68.

Jock-Rip

Bearded & aggressive GWAnimal seeks other rough & ready men for hard ball. I like the fantasy and the reality of men doin' it to each other in long, rough sessions of locker room play, rasslin', b/d, c/b, t/t, w/s, toys, 501s, leather, speedos, jocks, verbal & more. Let's find the 100 percent safe challenges & limits and play ball! Reply Boxholder, POB 19237, Oakland, CA 94619.

Asians

Greeting fellow Asians, I'm an Asian-American male, attractive, friendly, late twenties, easy-going type of person. I've seen the East, I've seen the West; Now I know what I like Best. If you are Asian, friendly, trim or fit type then I'd like to meet you. I'm seeking friendship first. Relationship possible. Please write with phone number to: POB 27411, SF 94127-0411.

Take the Time For My Sake

Forget those kids, I'm a 25 y.o. Latin big guy, 6 ft., 190 lbs., who needs that time with someone I enjoy doing things together with that special person (dinner, dancing, movies, etc.) Asian, latin, white — I don't care — personality is an important part. Please have a sense of humor & knowledge of what special commitment means! No drugs, liars, or fake men who are just cruising by mail. Please send a photo & don't be afraid, I don't bite. Reply CU! Box AP69.

Honesty & Romance

Looking for shared values, honesty, sensitivity, mutual attraction, and a sense of humor in a relationship that is supportive as well as romantic. I'm 40, 5'7", slim, with wide interests that include art, films, reading, & good conversation. I'm excited by intelligence as well as physical chemistry. If you are 30-45 and serious about relationships, let's meet for coffee and see how it goes. Reply CU! Box AP70.

Not Hunky, GWM, Mental-Type

Gentleman, hardworking, mature, 5'10"-ish, 155 lbs.[2], interested in wide variety of intellectual pursuits — less so in trivial activities; work with computers, children, television & the arts, and into a minimum of strong drink & abusive substances; also HIV Neg. Sound interesting? That's me. And, I'm looking for a compatible soul for bonding. I'm open to all racial & cultural gentlemen who resonate with some of the values I've tried to imply in the tone of this message. Reply CU! Box AP71.

Born Again Adolescent

Looking for guys 20-40 who are shy, weird, intellectual, critical thinkers, cynical, reflective, emotionally expressive, who think life is grand. Attracted to average looks, physical types (even homely, esp. glasses) in reasonably good shape. No smoking, drugs, alcohol. Not attracted to "classic good looks", psychos, overweight, religious fanatics, bubbly optimists, Republicans. I'm 33, artist/counselor, 5'7", 130 lbs., blondish, glasses. Photo. Reply CU! Box AP72.

Trouble on Two Legs

People say I'm good looking and extremely sexy with eyes so dark you can see your way to Hell! Well... I'm 28, 5'11", 180 solid, dk brn/dk brn, olive-skinned, clean-shaven, hairy. This over-educated, unrefined, non-Alta Plastic professional enjoys performance arts, visual/participatory athletics, cooking, social gatherings, romantic evenings alone, your toned body, sexual versatility, masculinity, and loyalty. I'm not much for bars, drugs, smoking, cats, beards, men under 25 or over 40, promiscuity, the educationally dysfunctional, disinterested and closed-minded. Sounds tame? Don't be fooled. Looking for trouble? Reply CU! Box AP73.

We're Equals

Except in bed, where you're my cocksucker boy, eager & proud to serve your man. I'm white, late thirties, 5'8", 145, salt and pepper, masculine, muscular, professional, health-conscious. With photo, Reply CU! Box AP74.

Bottom Daddy

Great tits & ass for your use & pleasure. Hot, hung, shaved, gdlkg. W/M well-built 6', 185, will satisfy your needs & fantasies. Reply 2370 Market, #42, SF, CA 94114.

If You Like Asian

Please come to this nice looking and easy-going Chinese. I am 31, 140 lbs., 5'9", like hairy guys around my age. I love travel, gardening, quiet time at home, exercise and intelligent conversation. You don't have to be gorgeous but should be a non-smoker. Please send your picture (will return) with phone #.Reply CU! Box AP75.

Tired of Meeting Flakes???

Try a real man. Do you ever wonder where real men have gone? I mean a gentleman who returns calls, keeps commitments, dresses for the occasion, and makes the romantic gestures. I'm here and available, and, if you're a real man too, I hope you will answer this ad. Being a real man, I have a body — average in height, husky in weight, hairy, balding, glasses, 40 years old, masculine and attractive. I have a direct personality — no nonsense, share feelings, ask for what I want, and give more than I'm asked to give. I prefer a stocky/hairy man, 30-46, bottom or versatile, willing to commit his time, patience, and energy to build a lifetime friendship/relationship. Reply CU! Box AP76.

Steady Sex Sought

by handsome, muscular, masculine, East Bay blond; 30, 6'1", 175, very bright with many interests. I'm an enthusiastic, versatile lover, great kisser. Overnight sex with a handsome, muscular, masculine (sound familiar?) WM is date enough for me, although stimulating/romantic evenings (afternoons, etc.) would be welcome in addition. Height, hair color not important, but hairy backs, tobacco are out. Broad-shouldered, intelligent, affectionate, Greek passive, erudite, open-minded and under 40 are pluses. Good kisser, photo and phone are musts. Reply CU! Box AP77.

I'm a GWM, good looking, sensitive, intelligent and romantic, a muscular bodybuilder who enjoys the arts, the outdoors and the gym. I'm 35, 5'8", 155, HIV pos and the nicest guy you ever met. Looking for a down-to-earth masculine man who feels great in every way. Please send photo (returned). Reply CU! Box AP78.

Show Biz!

This is for real. Partner/Helper/Buddy(s) wanted in entertainment project. Proven success. I actually made this thing fly more than once but weeds grew because I (foolishly) went sane and got a "real" job. Probably to prove to myself that I could do it. Now it's time to get moving again.

We'd be forming a partnership. Or a team (a consortium?) Would involve all aspects of production including design, performance, lighting, sound, publicity, promotion, etc. May necessitate doing a few freebies or benefits at first to get off the ground and get audience for promotional videos. "Local star" nonsense. If you have a gift of gab, or a touch of Jewish, or a head for business, you could end up managing things.

Creativity and/or talent is a plus since I'm open to the input of other minds and not locked into the solitary input of it anymore. You should have a good sense of timing, be a generally "nice person," not mind getting dirty & sweaty, and have the intelligence to know that while gay clubs are fun along the journey, they ain't where it's at. We're aiming much higher. All the way. If we become lovers it would be nice, but not necessary, and it wouldn't hurt if you are criminally beautiful, but that's not a must, either. The project — and my head — is designed to accomodate just about any presentable "image" except morbidly obese or screamingly effeminate. Look we're talking major adventure here. Travel. Casinos and showrooms. Luxury cruise ships. Applause! Fun! Party! Oh yes, and lots of hard, boring work. But what the Hell? Unless you're already involved in a fascinating situation this could be an incredible opportunity. Gamble a stamp. Let's talk. Send letter/photo(optional)/description/phone/address/one or all of above. Reply CU! Box AP79.

Novice Needs Mentor

Good looking man, late thirties, 5'11", 165, little experience but lots of imagination, seeks gentle but firm master skilled in bondage, spanking + titwork, ball restraint and assplay; for occasional intense afternoons (your playroom, my toys) exploring, respecting and expanding limits. You are safe and sane, patient but determined, and always in complete control. Age/race not important, but well-built, well-hung men of color and younger studs into training a hot daddy are especially welcome. Hot letters, photo/phone guarantees an answer. Reply CU! Box AP80.

Thick With Character

Chubby GWM, part-frog, part-prince, desires meaningful, life-long monogamous relationship. Also meaningless, quick, shallow rolls in the hay. ME: 43 years, 6', 265 unexercised lbs., brown curly hair (some gray), creative, bright, not totally insane, warm, supportive, loyal, kind, considerate (etc.), mostly bottom, mostly virgin ass (very few intrusions, all condomized), lite bondage fantasies (me passive), standard sized dick, absolutely not into pain, give great head. YOU: tobacco-free, weight proportionate to height (please), into chubby guys, bright, optimistic, trustworthy, warm (etc.), functional dick, in charge in bed. Write: Cramped Occupant, Box 156, 2215-R Market Street, SF,CA 94114.

Mr. Carrot Desires Mr. Sweet Pea

Professional, attractive, refined, masculine, educated GWM wishes to meet another quality, relationship oriented man to share my life. ME: young 50, 5'10", 175 lb., dark hair, blue/green eyes, moustache, hairy, honest, sensitive, considerate, sophisticated, very romantic, sense of humor. Interests include: establishing a healthful life (I am non-smoking, strict vegetarian), cooking, entertaining, politics, environmentalism, movies, romantic, candlelight evenings at home to include lots of sensuality & safe sex (I prefer being bottom). Reply CU! Box AP81.

Now For Something Completely Different

GWM, 25, 6'2", Br/Gr (that's hair, then eyes), 240#, with the usual (here, anyways) eclectic personality: Musical loves include New Order, The Smiths, Mozart, Bach, can't stand New Age. A semi-Anglophile — love Jane Austen, E.F. Benson, Wodehouse, Monty Python; found "Brideshead Revisited" dull. I work as a word processor, not exactly a "career," but I can afford concerts, computer software (IBM "power user" here), CDs, books, all that good stuff. Write for my own amusement and that of my friends (just completed thriller/art world satire, "Death Wore a Smart Little Outfit" — any publishers reading this?) I'm openly gay with my parents.

who are accepting and supportive. I lived a life of poverty & misery in Reno, a place I must say in my own defense is conducive to poverty & misery, then moved here a year ago, clawed my way to the middle (my life isn't completely Danielle Steele material!), changed my life into what I wanted it to be. There's one vestige left of that old life, namely, about 30 lbs. However, I'm in great health, and just need one motivation to lose it — namely, an appreciative spectator. If you're willing to invest in a "diamond in the rough," I'm looking for someone near my own age, whose most important feature would be a sharp, lively, witty, curious, receptive mind. As for appearance, I admit to a prejudice for men over 5'6", preferably tall, Caucasian, not any more overweight than I am (and just as serious about slimming down). I have perverse taste — if you wish, send me a picture (reciprocated with mine, regardless of whether or not we ever get together); you could already be my idea of gorgeous. Warnings: 1) I'm not looking for an instant husband. 2) If our relationship gets to bed, I use condoms and am versatile, and would expect the same from you. 3) Size isn't that important to me, as long as it's not tiny (mine is average — for where and for who, I don't know, but it sounds about right.) 4) Redheads drive me mad with lust. 5) I digress a lot!Reply CU! Box AP82.

No Strings Attached

GWM, 40, seeks GWM 35-50 for safe oral sex. I'm bearded, hairy-chested, HIV Neg., goodlooking and hung. (Considerate) smoker, non-drinker, stocky build. Not seeking live-in romance but am open to ongoing dating. Prefer centered, secure friendly guys who live a quiet lifestyle. I'm intelligent, witty, affectionate, Love to kiss. Can only reply to letter with photo (will return). Reply CU! Box AP83.

Entrepreneurial Italian

GWM, 6', 175, Italian, Salt & Pepper hair, brown eyes, entrepreneur by day. Lonely by night. Enjoys movies, long walks, symphony, dancing, travel & dining out/cooking in. Seeking similar creative, lighthearted, intelligent, secure men to meet/date/develop relationship. Non-smokers please. Reply with photo to CU! Box AP84.

Definitely HIV Negative

Seeking same in a tactile companion/j/o buddy. Gentle, quiet, SF guy, 35, average looks (lean, blu/brn, full moustache) healthy (no drugs, alcohol, tobacco) and very well hung — would appreciate similar guy . . . into sensual touch/erotic massage/intense j/o scenes/hardcore cuddling and shared quality time. Reply (photo optional) to: 584 Castro Street Box 123, SF, CA 94114.

This Is Not a Trivial Pursuit

Intelligent, articulate, good-looking, hairy Italian, 35, 5'7", seeks GWM top — over 35 for mutual enjoyment on all levels. I am into C/W music, films, bowling and Jeopardy and spending quiet nights together talking and sharing. Please send honest letter and recent photo — will get response. Reply CU! Box AP85.

I Know What You Like

A tall, dark, handsome man (6', black hair, brown eyes, 190 lbs., 25 y.o.) a real romantic, old fashioned kind of guy, someone who is serious, a sense of good fun, a real trusting person, who actually talks & listens to you, a drug free, smoke free person, and a guy who knows how to keep you warm at night! You know who you are and you know what you like, so send a picture & tell me! Reply CU! Box AP86.

Giants Fan

More impressed by a player's ass than his average? Big leaguers in tight uniforms is horny GWM(28)s jack-off obsession. Brawls, celebrations, team pile-ups spark my wild, lust-filled imagination. Diligent video-taping catches sneaky gropes, stinging ass-slaps, and mouth-watering bulges. Hot newspaper, magazine photos have me shagging flies for home games! Humm baby! Let's share, possibly meet and watch games together. Reply CU! Box AP87.

Desperately Seeking Long, Hot Sessions of . . .

Friendship. That's right, I seek special guys who would like a good "loving" friend. I have a lover of 7 years, and I'm not looking for sex — well, maybe an occasional passionate hug. I'm an Asian-American male, born and raised in the Bay Area (no noticeable accent), 28, 5' 7", 134 lbs., average build, handsome (so I've been told), short blk hair, brn eyes, die-hard romantic. My lover loves to read, but I don't — if you "don't" spend all your time reading, are between 25-35, let's get together and do something romantic (romance doesn't always lead to Sex.) No pictures necessary — for friends, inner beauty is more important. Reply CU! Box AP88.

Monogamous

Are you that special man who wants to share your life with that other special man. I'm a GWM goodlooking (I think) professional, 43, 5' 10", 175, green eyes, moustache and beard, brown hair and versatile. You should love the outdoors not bars, long walks, picnics, holidays, flowers, plays, friends and most of all you should want to love & be loved. Love to hold and be held. Want to build a life together, to be friends, lovers, to have dreams, share disappointments. I like classical and some C/W music. I don't smoke and have never done drugs. Take a chance, you never know. Thanks. Reply Boxholder, POB 421370, SF, CA 94142.

All-American

GWM, 26, tall, lean, muscular, excep. handsome. Someone once told me I look like I stepped out of a milk commercial. I'm bright, educated, and a helluva nice guy. Looking for handsome, well-built man in his twenties, someone who can be serious or silly or both at the same time. Sensual attitude a must. Send photo and letter (be creative!) Reply CU! Box AP89.

Young College Student

I am a 19 year old college student. I wish to have friendship/relationship with men in their early 20's. I am 6'3" tall. I have brown hair and hazel eyes. I am a stud! I love plays, modern art & concerts. I want a man who is sensitive and affectionate. If you are young, nice & serious, drop me a letter. Reply CU! Box AP90.

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I'm 42, 5'6", 155 lbs, very light blond, green/gray/blue eyes; the average opinion of my looks would probably be about average or perhaps a bit better; my body, I'm confident would be considered somewhat better than average (w. 30", c. 39"); HIV Neg., uncut, average, very affectionate; I'm a computer programmer (more interested in real estate than computers), lived in area since moving from L.A. in '69; had 2 lovers (about 8 years each), politically center, no religion, very nearsighted (20/70 corrected) which takes some tolerance; enjoy "classical", opera, operetta, musicals, C/W, Balkan music; a wide range of men appeal to me; if I might be of some appeal to you please send photo and like details. Reply CU! Box AP91.

The House Lies Empty . . .

though it's been long enough since we split. ME: 5'7", 38, foreign born, Stanford/MIT, professional. Also affectionate, cuddly, caring and randy. You may be foreign born (Asian, Latin, Filipino) or have a special blend of values that include loyalty, ambition, and the desire for a satisfying homelife. I am HIV negative. Picture/phone requested. Reply Boxholder, POB 11683, SF, CA 94101.

Santa Rosa / River Area

Relatively new to area and looking for friends. I'm not a young hunk; I don't have a hard, smooth body with a washboard stomach; I'm not extremely good looking; I don't have a beard; I'm not particularly hairy; I don't have great tits (although my ass isn't bad); and I'm not especially aggressive. If you're still with me — what I am is 41, average looking, sincere, fun loving, versatile, passionate, romantic, masculine, stable, thoughtful, healthy and a little shy. I like the country (and country men), beards, movies, hiking, gardening, romantic candlelit dinners, quiet evenings at home, hot sex (safe, of course) cuddling, computers, music, theatre, massage, art auctions, racquetball and camping — but not particularly in that order. If any of this makes any sense write me a letter (photo?). All letters answered and photos returned. Reply CU! Box AP92.

Looking For Romance

GWM, attractive, blond hair, 5' 10", 145 lbs., blue eyes, swimmer's build, 35 y.o., HIV pos., involved in Radiant Light Ministeries & Shanti, looking for attractive caring Black or White GM interested in dating our way to love. Write with photo/phone. Reply Boxholder, POB 14533, SF, CA 94114-0533.

Bay Area-Stockton-Modesto-Merced

Physically fit, healthy, HIV Neg., goodlooking, big cock, moderately hairy GWM — 35, 6'2", 178, brn/blue seeks guys into titwork and jacking off. I enjoy long sessions of giving and receiving. I travel often. Also — 3 Ways and massage. Age /race unimportant. Send letter/photo/phone. Reply CU! Box AP93.

Come Live in Sonoma Co.

Seek GWM, 55-65, to share mobile home, garden, pool — fringe benefits (if desired.) Drinking & smoke OK. No pets, drugs, kinky sex. This is an honest request. Only someone needing or desiring a comfortable home and a loving friend (friendly lover?) should apply. No one nite stands! Reply Boxholder, POB 733, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

Seeks Special

GWM, 34, 6', 190 lbs., brown/blue, HIV neg., handsome, muscular, healthy professional with classic masculine good looks, high energy, intelligent, traditional values, active, work-out regularly — bicycle, outdoors, etc. travel — a romantic with a basic lust for life. Seeks alternate method of meeting attractive, muscular, healthy men who share some common interests. Honesty & integrity a must. Reciprocal enrichment standard. Reply with photo and letter to CU! Box 94.

"I pine for one to whom I can speak my FIRST THOUGHTS"

The "man" I desire is honest and would enjoy sharing his life with the same. Not only is he monogamous, but also strong mentally and emotionally. A positive outlook on life along with maturity & stability are also included as his assets. Respect and communication would be the key ingredients in our relationship. He is handsome, 24-40, in good shape and health. I am 23, goodlooking, 6'1", 170 ibs., bl/bl. I can provide all that I am looking for and would like to share it with the right man. Photo (appreciated & returned) and letter. Reply CU! Box AP95.

Someone For Me

GBM, 30, bear needs love and emotional support from top. I'm 5'7", med. build, neat hair, beard and dark-skinned. YOU: monogamous, 30-45, not overweight, must have empathy or sympathy with psy patient in great condition and homebody. Safe sex, no drugs or bar scene. Reply Boxholder, 537 Jones St., #894, SF, CA 94102.

Slim Asian or Latin?

Sincere W/M, 38, 6' 2", 170 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes seeks slim or skinny warmhearted Asian or Hispanic guy 20-37 for sincere friend or lover. I'm health (HIV neg.), non-smoker; affectionate, good listener, caring. Open to many interests, including music, movies, huggies, massage, exercise, psychology, meditation, Asian food. Reply Boxholder, POB 14794, SF, CA 94114.

Beefy Greek Bears

Hot, hairy, burly SF area bear seeks same for safe greek fun and possibly more. I'm a GWM, 40 years old, 6', 220 lbs., very hairy, very bearded and very greek active or A/P. Reply Boxholder, POB 951, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

B&D/S&M Comes From Trust

To me, B&D/S&M experiences can only grow out of really knowing and trusting my partner. I have no interest in "fantasies" with total strangers, or with people who only relate to me from their "fantasy role." I'm very experienced as a top and a bottom in B&D/S&M scenes, and I'm seeking contact with other whole persons (tops, bottoms or "boths"), experienced or not, who want to get to know each other as people first, and then expand into "trust" scenes. I'm 36, 5'10", 190 lbs., considered goodlooking, SF resident. Prefer non-smokers, my age or younger. I will contact all people who reply with a photo and a phone number. Reply CU! Box AP97.

Black Man Age 48-65 Wanted

GWM, age 50, seeks one dominant black man age 48 to 65 who needs & loves long, slow oral sex sessions from clean-cut, caring, professional deep-throat expert. You lie back, relax, have a beer, & let me give you the total expert servicing that you love and deserve. Reply Boxholder, POB 130, 370 Turk St., SF 94102. All replies answered.

Attractive/Athletic/29 Yrs. Old

WM, 5' 9", handsome, clean-cut, honest, A-level

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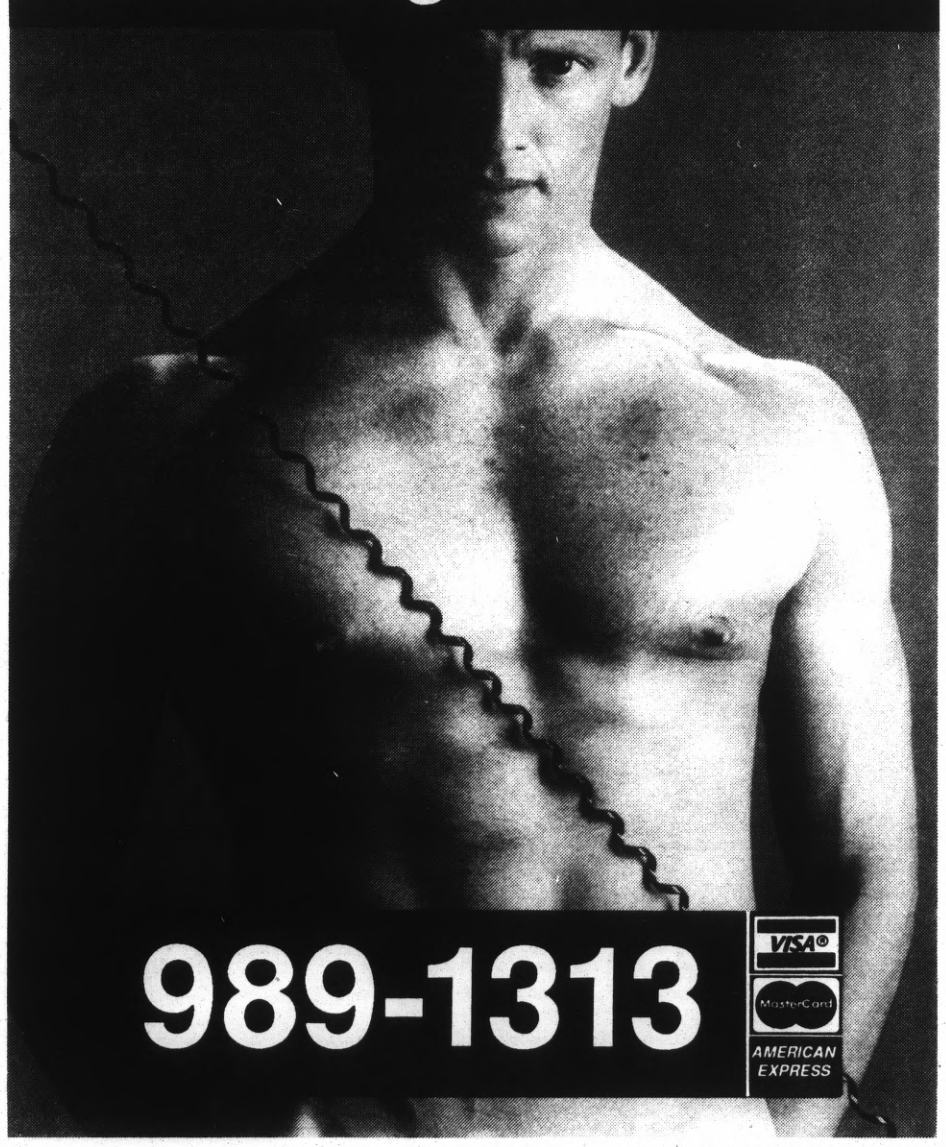


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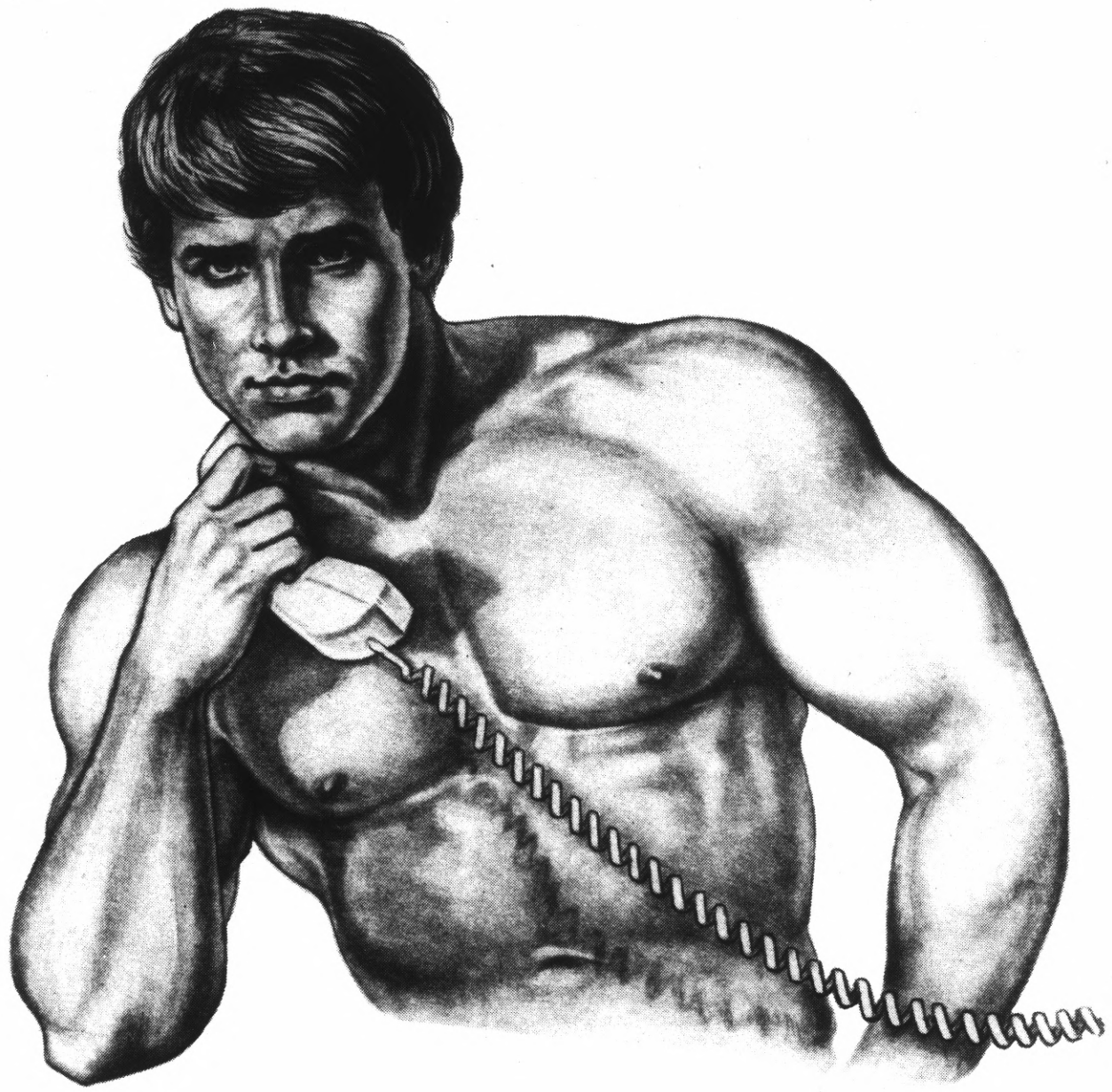


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Seeking Black Friend/Partner

Senior WM wishes to explore life on life's terms, good & bad, with senior BM. Go for it! You might make a friend and be glad. Invest a stamp and find perhaps what goes around comes around. I know I am worth it. Find the other half of your life. Reply Boxholder, Box 397, 584 Castro St., SF 94114. Thanks!

"Chamber Music"

Attractive GAM, 26, trim & in-shape, antibody negative, seeks mature-looking GWM (over 30) with a muscular and defined build who shares some of the following interests — creative arts (i.e. classical music, films, theatre, literature), holistic health, fitness (i.e. tennis, hiking), nature, metaphysics . . . I value honesty & creativity as well as the ability to communicate & share, a clear sense of the self, and a keen sense of humor. While it is important to be sensually/sexually expressive & safe, a mutual interest in developing a friendship is of prime importance. Reply CU! Box AP99.

Love Those Latins!

Taurus — GWM, Blond/Blue, 26, 5'11", 180 lbs., bottom, seeks monogamous Capricorn or Cancer Latin Papcito, top, 30-40ish, moustache. Must be comfortable being gay, and outgrown the bars and hard drugs (except Lenyo!) Life is choice, why not take a chance? You might be happily surprised!Send photo/letter. Reply Boxholder, POB 506, Hayward, CA 94541.

Fellow Traveler

I will be traveling in southern Europe late April & the first half of May. I'm interested in meeting people who will be traveling in Paris, Barcelona, and N. Italy around the same time. For temporary relationship. Reply CU! Box AP100.

Are You A Sweetheart?

Sincere WM, 38, 6'2", 169 lbs., trim, blue eyes, clean-shaven seeks slim or skinny warm-hearted guy 20-37, any race, for boyfriend or lover. I'm a good listener; healthy (HIV neg.), nonsmoking Libra. Open to many interests, including music, movies, massage, swimming, psychology, meditation, Asian culture. Plus if you are smooth or somewhat boyish in looks or build. Reply Boxholder, POB 14794, SF 94114.

Wanted Quality Bears

This man seeks larger, chubby, hairy Daddy types. Prefer men who are self-assured, consistent, open & honest & very sexual/romantic. ME: 5'5", 165 lbs., & hairy. I would like to share time with quality person, dancing & romancing. We hopefully enjoy quiet evenings playing together intellectually & by-all-means, sexually. Reply CU! Box AP101.

Chubby & Married?

Since I'm not comfortable trying to sell myself, this ad will be mercifully short. Details to be filled in later, perhaps over a glass of wine or cup of coffee. GWM, 42, 6', 200 lbs., attractive, gentle, honest, not aggressive, straight appearance (if that's possible) with quiet self-confidence would like to meet a similar man for a safe, very discreet affair with an attractive caucasian, easy-going, chubby, married man who is not into drugs or pain but with a good sense of humor, between 35-45 plus or minus a few years and, oh yes, hairy chest a bonus. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market Street, #191, SF 94114.

Anymore Like Me Out There?

Quiet-natured GWM seeks an "equal(s)"; wish to meet some nice people. Don't know where it will lead until we can "relate" to each other. Prefer an "Easy-Does-It" attitude. Since I am 6' 1", I prefer proportionately tall people. Some attributes: affectionate, attractive, healthy, honest, non-smoker, sincere, social drinker, stable. Basic statistics: 49 Y.O. (this month), 175 lbs., average build, brown eyes, S & P hair, moustache. Reply CU! Box AP102.

A Sense of Humor

and the willingness to build a relationship. I am 5'7", 38, foreign born, Stanford/MIT, and a professional. Also affectionate, caring, randy. You may be foreign born (Asian, Latin, Filipino) or have a special blend of values that include loyalty, ambition, and the desire for a satisfying home-life. I am HIV negative. Picture/phone requested. Reply Boxholder, POB 11683, SF [illegible]

Your Attention Please

Looking for a relationship with a well-r[illegible]d fun seeker like myself. Someone optimistic, [illegible]ful, successful & creative in the art of enjoy[illegible]. I am a healthy 28 year old, attractive, bl[illegible] San Franciscan who likes real estate,. trave[illegible], adventure, pug dogs, and booze & dope. (but only in moderation, of course.) A bonfire at the beach would be a great way to start. Reply CU! Box AP103.

Muscle Worship

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs; seeks muscular small guys, big bodybuilders, Blacks, Orientals into flexng, posing and having their body appreciated. Like pecs, biceps, oil, mirrors, armpits and j/o. Have hot muscle videos and enjoy taking physique photos. Reply Boxholder, POB 6655, SF 94101.

Tall Athletic Top

wants solid relationship with loyal, loving bottom, any race. I'm dominant in a loving way, and have an exciting, high-quality life I'd like to share with a special man. You are 18 to 40, perhaps a little shy or unsure of yourself, and attracted to a physically fit, self-confident older man. Reply CU! Box AP104.

Out Of The City

Country man, farmer, seeks friends, visitors even roommate for quiet rural small farm in Cloverdale, 90 miles north of SF, by car or bus. Am 42, 6' 0", 185, long brown hair, moustache. Seek mellow masculine men, preferably over 30, blue collar or levis/boots — men for sunning, swimming, smoking, sex?, gardening. Hot 80° plus, no fog. 45 miles to Guerneville. Reply Boxholder, POB 778, Cloverdale, CA 95425.

Handsome, GWM, 31, 6'2"

175 lbs., neat, muscular/Italian into fitness, travel, outdoors or quiet times, romance. HIV negative and very well hung seeks same for monogamous relationship. See my Advocate personal in #497 or send photo/phone to CU! Box 105.

Bondage

I'm looking for a younger guy of any race interested in learning the excitement of being bound and submitting to erotic pleasures. I'm 29, 6' 3" tall, bearded, strong, 185 lbs., nice eyes (but thinning hair.) Let's write and get acquainted, then explore the possibilities. Your picture is a plus! I'm waiting at POB 146436, SF 94114.

Down & Dirty

and 100% safe, of course. This tough & aggressive construction worker needs an equal for no-holds-barred encounters. I'm a hard-driver with a 501 attitude who likes it rasslin' rough: levis, boots, t's, jocks, speedos, leather, t/t, c/b, w/s, toys, verbal, etc. as long as it's healthy & mutually fun. If you like it man to man Reply CU! Box AP106.

Closet Queen Dreaming

Mature Transvestite, tall, slim, fair-skinned, with attractive thighs & buns, totally hair free and totally passive, seeks small build, slim, hair free top. TV o.k. too if you are G/A and enjoy body worship, me, yours. Age open, but prefer younger. Race is absolutely not a factor. Clean, healthy, discreet, of course. Please, no hookers or heavy drugs. Live in desired, rent free, but frequent flyers are welcome. Descriptive letter please and photo if possible. Reply CU! Box AP107.

Wanted: Friend/Lover/Companion/Partner

Masculine GWM, fantastic 40's, average looks/build/equip. drug-free NONSMOKER, 5'9", 152 lbs., 31" waist, moustache. HIV positive. Healthy, confident, good self-esteem, self-reliant, self-employed. Wide interests: entrepreneurial business, real estate, 8-ball, computers, Hawaii, Yosemite (a partial list, and open to adding yours.) Enthusiastic, positive outlook, gym-toned body, work/growth/success motivated and relationship oriented. "Realistic" romantic. Traditional values/virtues and background. Intelligent — not stuffy nor condescending. Sexually exuberant, versatile and unihibited in context of mutual expression of feelings and safe enjoyment — making love is preferred over "having sex." Seek masculine, NONSMOKING, compatible man 23-35 for ecstatic loving partnership (goodlooking OK but not essential as inner beauty and character are preferred.) Commitment for the longterm would be a mutual goal while enjoying the present. (Monogamy a must when appropriate.) I wish to share personal times and intimate pleasures of loving and being loved by a mutually supportive and challenging partner to build/share a great life. Touching and holding are important. Take the risk! — this might be the start of a fabulous team. Send a letter with photo which I will return with mine, and a phone number so we can meet to check the chemistry. Don't ask for it to be easy — ask for it to be worth it! Mail to Boxholder, POB 451, 584 Castro St., SF 94114. Thanks!

Can Trust Me

Endearing, handsome, 31 y.o., blond, blue-eyed man reaches to meet and date new men; intelligent, sensitive, playful with a voracious desire, I find myself bike riding, sunbathing, dancing, working out, and talking a lot. My body & soul need the comfort of a lover's arms and seek a compatible, committed partner. Be cute; I like that. Around my age, childlike, passionate. Trust me; I'm special. Nice body. Reply CU! Box AP108.

True Blue 52

Levelheaded, healthy GWM enjoys life - but has been single too long. Eclectic interests: intellectual pursuits, travel, real estate, the stock market, hiking, good food, responsive friends. I'm dark, balding (but very hairy all over). Looking for a dependable, easygoing healthy conscious buddy. Reply Boxholder, POB 117, 2707 College, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Tall & Hairy Chested

If you're into quickies - don't respond. If you know the meaning of the words "making love," I would like to meet you. This attractive GWM, 38, 6'5", 195 lbs., brown hair-moustache seeks those interested in kissing and hugging followed by safe sex. Basically a top myself. Seeking attractive GWMs 20-40. Your photo and letter gets mine. No photo - no reply.Reply CU! Box AP109.

The Famous Bottom Line

for me is lust — but if we share some common interests — the better. I lust after: boys, big dicks, perfect smooth bodies, blond hair, creativity, intelligence, eyeglasses, warmth, sensitivity, masculinity, tans, spirit and vulnerability. You lust after: handsome daddies, salt and pepper hair, firm muscular bodies, big dicks, masculinity, success, maturity, intelligence, self-confidence, financial stability, intensity of feeling, and joy in living. You lusty photo gets mine. Reply Boxholder, POB 14062, SF 94114.

I'm Definitively Attracted To...

a masculine, straight-looking guy, dark-haired, hairy, age 30's, maybe a little chunky, dominant, who loves kicking back and getting sucked off and has a good sense of humor. I am 5'10", 150, 34, masculine, good shape and good looking. I'm looking for the man described above who wants someone dependable, fun and nice to pay lots of attention to his hairy crotch and to develop friendship/relationship. Photo and not. Reply CU! Box AP110.

Real Men Only

I'm tired of games & this should eliminate lots . . I'm looking for someone, man enough to be a man, secure enough to know what he wants and gentle enough to be able to act on his feelings . . .I'm 5'8", 190, 37, gym, professional, trimmed beard, steel-blue eyes & tactile! Sometimes a bit too formal! Enjoy travel, photography, cooking, theatre & people. Value honesty utmost. Photo returned. Reply Boxholder, POB 280455, SF 94120-0455.

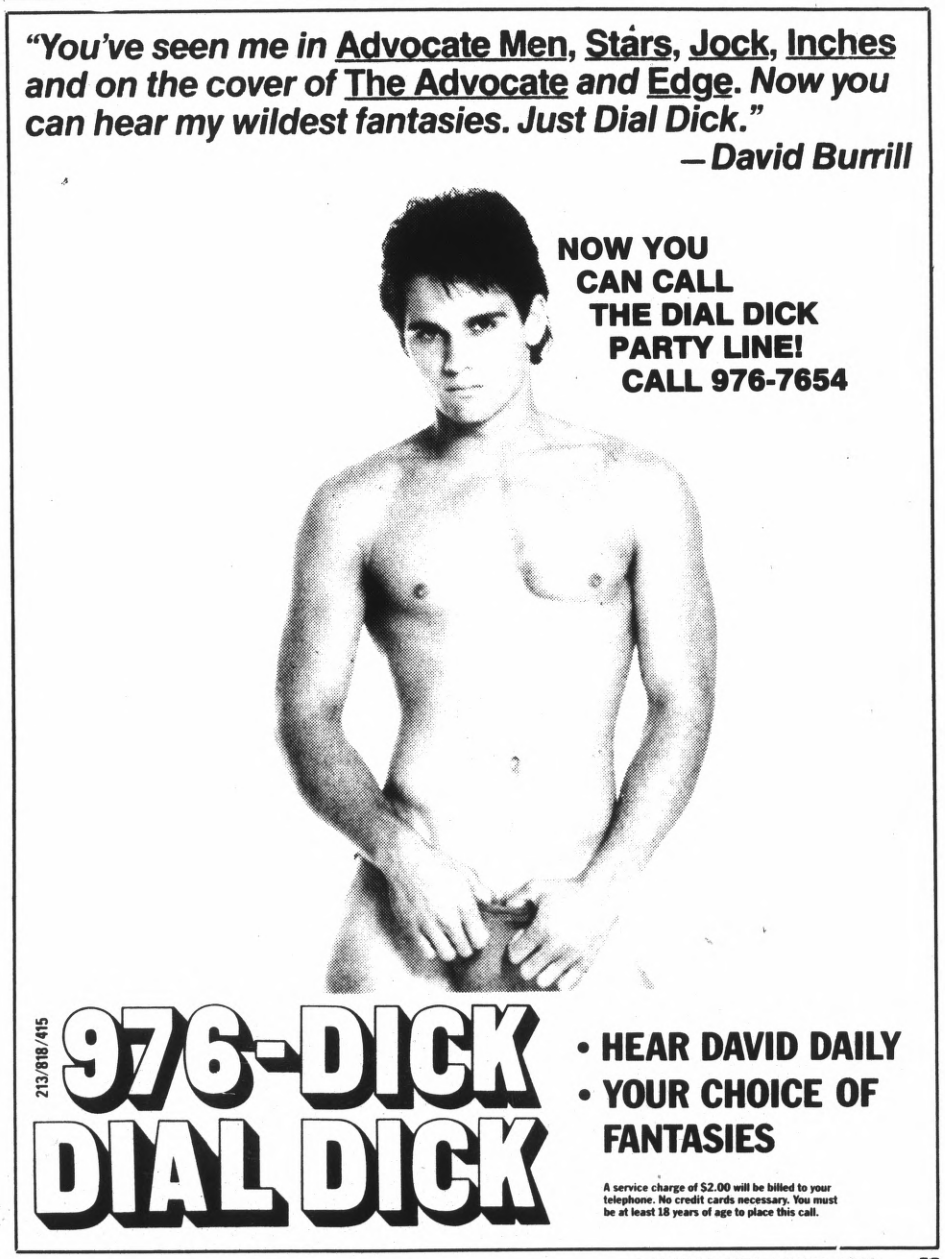
Don't Give Up Yet

Consider: not just another pretty face; though I'm 35 years old, light brown hair and eyes, and a slender 150 lbs. 5'10". Am more interested in unusual as well as new music and art. Enjoy KQED - Masterpiece Theatre - KPFA & KKSF radio. Looking for someone who is also HIV⁸ and healthy, well proportioned weight and between the ages of 25-45. How about a drive along the coast, a day hike around Mt. Tam, or a weekend in the Sierras? An evening well spent might include dinner at my place, then perhaps, a movie video and a cuddling conversation. So let's meet for coffee and see. Reply CU! Box AP111.

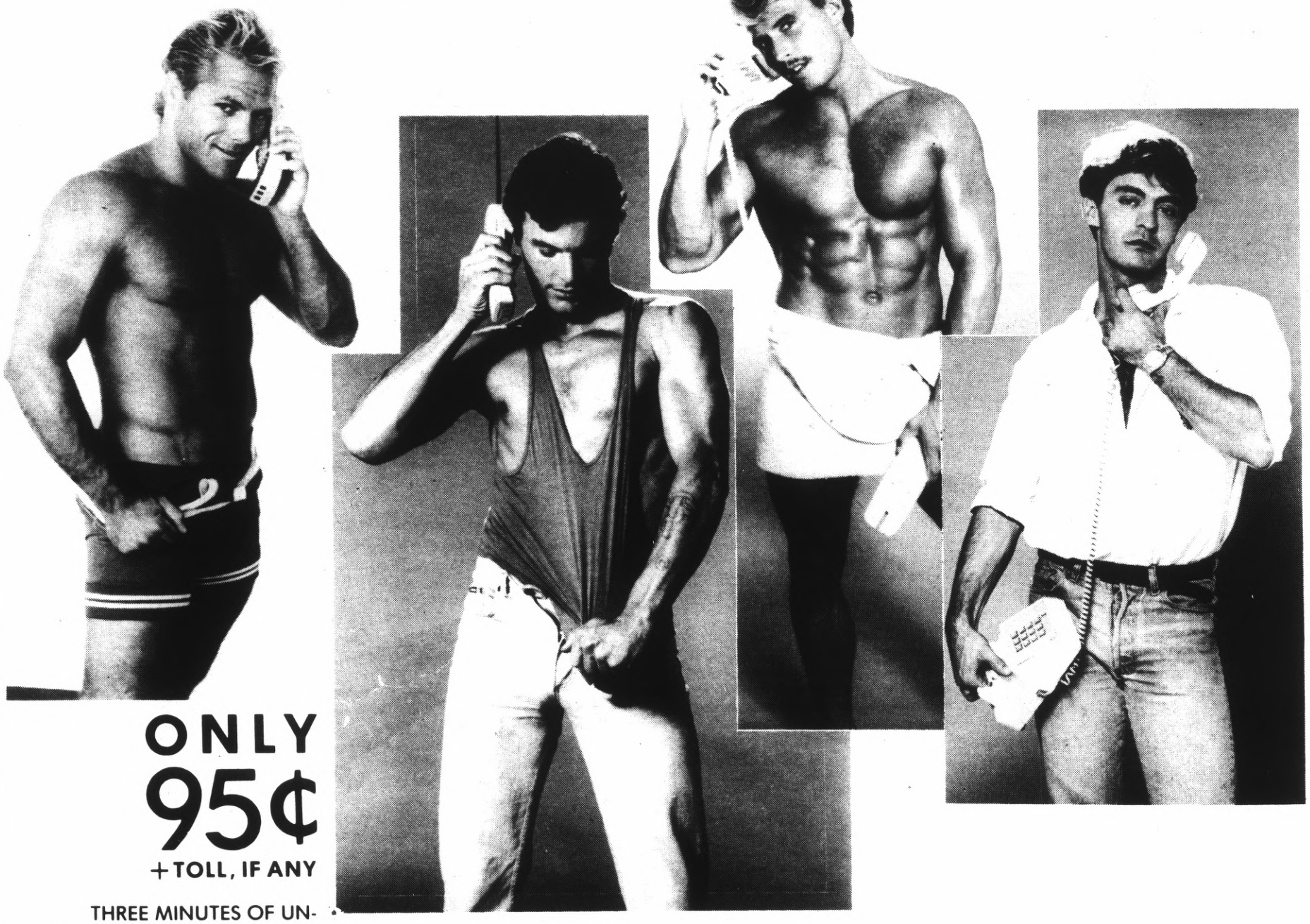
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Dynamic, outgoing, bright. Never a dull moment, always a sharp smile. Seeking communicative, enthusiastic, maybe magnetic male. I love to love, kiss, sing, chat, explore. I'm 27, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown haired & eyed. Ready for surprises? Reply Boxholder, POB 11597, Stanford, CA





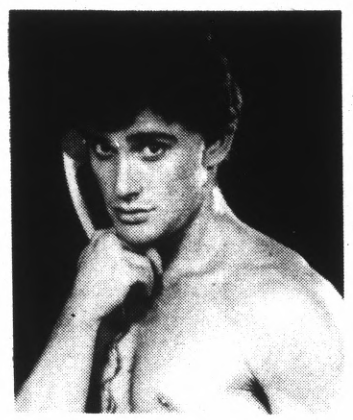
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Lusty, Literate & Liberal

Horny, healthy, wordly professional man seeks sexual friendship, open to more. 5'9", brown/blue, 165 lbs., age 45, exceptionally well hung. Basically a top. Some interests: books, theatre, travel, politics, food, walks, talks, sex. Some ideals: honesty, passion, wit, thoughtfulness, grace. Some turn-ons (not requirements): hairy chests, dark or third world men. Letter, photo, phone? Reply CU! Box AP112.

Let's Explore

I want a man who is masculine, mature, and gentle and committed to something meaningful. I like big men (over 6', over 180 lbs.) I have a fondness for white men. If they're hung that would be an extra. I'm a big (6'2", 215 lbs.) BM, professional, good-looking, hung. I like being bottom. So drop a line! Reply CU! Box AP113.

Studs Only

Do you love to have your cock worshipped? Do you like to see a handsome Hispanic man/boy on his knees? Would you like to be in total control?If you are well-build with the right attitude, please send photo (will return). Reply CU! Box AP114.

Wanted: Weekend Lover

A handsome, athletic, educated and very busy GWM is looking for another sexy stud for weekend fun & cuddling. I'm 27, 5'10", 150 lbs., and clean-shaven with blond hair and blue eyes. My interests include politics, swimming, aerobics, cult/horror films, barbequed ribs, cheesecake, music, mysteries and going to sleep early. My ideal pal is another GWM in his 20s or 30s, well-toned, clean-cut, and at least 5'10". He could enjoy a weekend with me consisting of exercise, movie matinees, reading, sunning, eating, dancing, watching TV, hot sex and sleeping. The following need not apply: smokers, alcoholics, vegetarians, Republicans, highbrows, and zealots of any sort. Reply with a letter & photo to CU! AP115.

British Prince Charming

Seeks companion to ride off into the sunset or the SF fog with. I am a very healthy, rugged, broad shouldered 5'11", 180 lbs. solidly built suntanned professional with light brown hair/moustache and green eyes in my thirties who exercises and smiles regularly. I enjoy, sometimes with a passion, music, travel, scintillating conversation, making love & living life to the fullest. If you are of similar age or younger, intelligent, romantic, healthy and of a reliable happy disposition with a spirit of adventure, please reply with recent photograph if possible (returned) and telephone number. Reply CU! Box AP116.

Looking For

A decent, honest, loving man. I am a GWM, 54, 5'8", dark hair, moustache, 170 lbs. I like travel, beaches, movies, Sunday morning in bed, good coffee and sex. I don't smoke, do drugs, or drink much and prefer you be the same. Want someone compatible, low key, in decent shape, happy with himself, a sense of humor, and youthful attitude. Picture nice but not necessary. Reply CU! Box AP117.

Bottom Daddy

Wanted by good-looking muscular guy, 28. I'm looking for a man who is very masculine in appearance and behaviour, but who is submissive in bed. I prefer large, well-build men over 40 who enjoy submitting to the sexual needs and desires of a younger man. Send photo. Reply CU! Box AP118.

Wanted: Lover, Any Race

GWM, 35, 5'11", 155 lbs., brown hair, grey eyes, moustache, romantic, stable, caring and passionate wants monogamous lover 21-40, of any race. I'm a college-educated professional, healthy, humorous, hairy-chested, HIV negative, and a versatile top in bed. I'm ready to share happy times with amother loving relationship-oriented man. I like movies, plays, hiking, socializing, cross-country skiing, flying, cooking, and exploring your interests as well. I'm flexible on outer things like your education/career/politics and value things like loyalty, stability, and a healthy enjoyment of life without chemical dependence. If you answer this ad, I will answer your letter. Photo appreciated and returned but not necessary. Reply Boxholder, POB 250596, SF 94125.

Man With Aids

who feels and looks quite well. GWM, 48 years old, 6'1", brown hair & eyes, moustache, balding. A native of SF, business owner, intelligent, sensitive, considerate, romantic, attractive, stable, masculine and sexual. Likes country western music, dancing, movies, dining, piano and the beach. No drugs, light drinking O.K., non-smoker looking for same. SF resident preferred. A photo would be appreciated. Reply CU! Box AP119.

HIV+ Scholarship

If you are positive but still optimistic enough to want to go back to school, I can offer you room & board. City College is fine but you would have to earn your pocket money, and help with some tuition if you go to State. I have degrees in math, biochem and physics. I own a computer and printer, and have won awards for teaching in case you need some tutoring. I expect diligence, not genius but would be delighted to find it. Strong possibility for money-making team if you have computer potential. I am a 50 year old Kris-K. lookalike, 5'9", 150 lbs., enjoy the outdoors (backpacking, skiing, basketball, 49ers), music (jazz, opera, Pink Floyed), movies, love to cook, do massage, know holistic treatments to bolster immune system, have fabulous legs. Generally attracted to positive, giving people, not overweight (muscles OK.) Recently began an exercise program. Jacuzzi and pool at my one-bedroom condo. Not expecting lifetime commitment; sometimes the fates require graduates to travel to find suitable employment, that is, you may have to leave city to practice your field; we'll handle that when it comes. If you have not taken test, but think you may be positive, get to know me. You can then decide if you want to be tested. If negative, your world is open; if positive, we both have a support system and you get a scholarship. Write for application: Box 31474, SF 94131.

Friendship & Romance

28, 5'7", 145 lbs., blond/blue eyes, tri-lingual with a variety of interests. Enjoy the outdoors, gym, modern & easy lifestyle. Looking for a handsome communicative partner 28-33 for friend, poss. relationship. If you want to add some excitement and believe in an honest relation send your brief note with photo to CU! AP120.

Want To Get It On?

I'm masculine, handsome, professional, bl, bl, 35, 6'1", 160 lbs, horny, growth-oriented, affectionate, participant in a variety of physical and cultural activities. Open to hearing freom sex dates, buddy, or possible lover. You are masculine/butch, physically fit, emotionally aware and expressive. I fantasize us rolling rubbers down our hard dicks, hugging, kissing, sucking and screwing each other; but specific activity less important than openness and intensity. I'm HIV+, healthy, holistic. Every reply answered — photo and phone number optional. Do it. Reply CU! Box AP121.

Tall Handsome Top

Oriented to long-term, monogamous relationship seeks White or Asian nonsmoking partner, 30 to 45, short, small hung a plus. I want to explore interest together, share feelings and mutual support. I'm growing and want a lover who can grow with me. I'm WM, 41, masculine, healthy HIV+, 6'2", 180 lbs., moustache, average build, average hung. Enjoy cycling, hiking, quiet evenings at home. Reply CU! Box AP122.

Japanese/Japanese-American Boyfriend

GWM, 34, 5'9", slim, dark curly hair, moustache, masculine, handsome would like to have masculine Japanese/Japanese-American boyfriend who's between 25-50 y.o., slim to average build and clean shaven or moustached. I enjoy Asian food especially Sushi (Unagi being my favorite), being outdoors, JapanCenter, listening to music, cuddling, massage, working with PCs, day trips and being with friends. I'm health conscious and use no street drugs. Please respond with phone number. Reply CU! Box AP123.

One Day I'll Find You

Gay male top, slim, healthy, in shape, any race/color, but real man. ME: GWM, 5'8", 140 unexercised lbs. 30" W., late 40's. Clean, healthy, back exercising. Safe bottom into ass/tits work, Fr/A/P, Grk/P, FF, little kinky. Love cuddling, kissing, outdoors, homelife, movies, music, etc. Please send detailed letter, photo appreciated. Reply CU! Box AP124.

Let Me Safely Lick Your . . .

GWM, Italian, 40, 6', 210 lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes and a beard. Recently tested HIV$ but still healthy and asymptomatic. Seeks safe sex buddy/mentor for extensive sexual retraining & experimentation. Possible new areas of interest include prolonged j/o, massage, voyeurism, exhibitionism and any oral activities which would not involve any fluid exchange. You should be 25-40 y.o., masculine, versatile and have a good sense of humor. Reply with descriptive letter and photo (optional) to 2215R Market StTreet, Box 248, SF, 94114.

Moving Violation

I'd love to be movingly violated (and/or reciprocate) by/with an intelligent sexy man with a good sense of humor. I'm a successful man of 33 excited by life, healthy and ready. Chemistry essential (phys. ed. optional). Love travel, music, home, garden. No drugs, smokers. Letter, phone, photo gets my reply. Reply CU! Box AP125.

Over 40

GWM, 34, seeks relationship with a man over 40 who is at his peak. Someone who is 45, looks 45, looks great and has the maturity and experience of a 45 year old would be perfect although you don't have to be 45. I am engaging, professional & very good looking. What I have in mind is talk over dinner & cuddling overnight. Reply CU! Box AP126.

Intelligent Younger Man

Sought by GWM, 47. I'm youthful, athletic, passionate, energetic, HIV negative, 5'9", 150 lbs., and successful in business. I've been "out" 7 years and ready. I like conversation, humor, summer days at Lake Tahoe, decency, the world of ideas and very pleasant surroundings. I'm assertive, easy to talk with, like good movies and being at home. You are GWM, masculine, taller, slim, fit, have dark hair, brains and a career. You're a non-smoker, not balding, have no beard. You are responsive, feeling-oriented and sane. Please send letter, photo and phone. Reply Boxholder, POB 26428, SF 94126.

Partner-Companion-Lover

I'm 36. 5'8", 165, people-oriented professional, hairy Italian, strong, hung average, short beard, balding, sexually hot and versatile. Seek slender, independent and very intelligent partner, same age or younger who is most likely also HIV$ and healthy non-smoker with similar or compatible interest: sobriety, psychology, spirituality, nature, meditation, conversation, film, food, philosophy, dreams, Nautilus, bicycling, miracles. Your letter guarantees response. Reply CU! Box AP127.

Get Ready For Spring

Engaging, fun-loving, cute GWM, 30, 5'6", 140 muscular lbs., moustache, brown/blue, terrific sense of humor, intelligent, well-read, caring, romantic and supportive seeks roughly similar, masculine soul to share a spoecial springtime, sensual summer, fun-filled fall and cuddly winter. I love music, art, movies, dancing, cats, cooking, creating, learning and lots of other stuff, too. Interested? Great! Reply with photo to CU! AP128.

Tall Transvestite Artist

looking for tall, dark and handsome nonsmoker for lover companion, model and escort to night clubs, films concerts, cafes. When I'm not working on an oil painting I like getting head while stoned and wrapped in my black silk and my orifices are being penetrated. I'm 6'4" white, slender, with long brown hair and a big dick. I try to temper my excessive sensuality with Buddhist and existential philosophy. Im relatively financially well off with my own apartment and an old jaguar sports car. HIV neg. If interested, please reply Box #491, 2215R Market St., SF 94114.

Any Hypnotists Out There?

I'm a great subject. Lifelong fantasy with hypnotism and deep trances for fun. Have gone very deep with powerful hypnotists. You can practice your most unusual techniques on me. I'm cute/masculine, 5'9", Portuguese. Put me under your spell! Write me a note with your phone #and I'll call ASAP! Reply CU! Box AP129.

Greek-American Male

Life-loving, exuberant, passionate, honest, literate, sensitive, artistic, 20-40 sought by same (39) for the special, rich friendship/bond/relationship our temperment/background can engender. Reply CU! Box AP130.

Cultural Friend Wanted

GWM, 35, seeks intelligent, intellectual GWM, 25-45, for Platonic friendship. I have a permanent lover who travels a great deal. Would like to explore classical arts, in particular opera (opera buff a plus). Sense of humor important. Should be clean, healthy, reasonably attractive. Seeking someone who understands the value of serious friendship. I live in SF. Include phone number in your response. Reply CU! Box AP131.

Top Man Into Bottoming

wanted by the other side of that coin. I'm 6'8", competition athlete, Shanti staff, weekend camper, 48. I'm also into vulnerability, conversations, growing up and kicking back. Reply CU! Box AP132.

Man to Man

I am ready to start the work in a relationship of working through the stuff that doesn't serve us to find the energy of our Souls for loving and healing. This handsome muscular masculine man of 36 and 6 ft., 178, sees exploring our gutsy animal masculinity and muscles and male body language energy as a possible pathway linking sexuality and spirituality. Deep voiced, hairy and mentally strong/alive men can respond with photo. Let's get out of the city and find ourselves in the wilderness, and thus help others as we find the inner harmony that was always ours. Reply CU! Box AP133.

Spiritual Being

I used to feel like a human being, having spiritual experiences — now I feel like a spiritual being, having human experiences. One human experience I particularly desire is being warm, intimate (safely) sexy, joyful and committed with another beautiful man. ME: P(Living Powerfully)WA, 39, very handsome, masculine, 73" tall, dark, bald, bearded, hairy, slim and muscular. As creative director of my longstanding company I have freedom to indulge my vacation fantasies. Need travel companion with funds. My physical ideal: Italian with dark eyes and hair, big nose and more importantly someone high energy, intelligent, humorous and trustworthy, like myself. Your letter with photo will gain my rapt consideration and reply. Reply Boxholder, 2040 Polk Street, Suite 117, SF 94109.

Sincere Man to Man Friendship

Handsome, bearded, muscular, tatooed, 36 yrs., 6', 180, man wants to lower his bass voice as deep as it will go in a man-to-man verbal trip. Let's practice this and get into the macho strut/swagger and muscle posing and help teach this masculine yet innocent/sheltered little boy traditional macho body language. I am a good guy... spiritual, intelligent, imaginative, athletic, outdoorsman liking the wilderness out of cities. You must have a defined and obvious line of hair all the way up/down your stomach . . . my fetish. Reply CU! Box AP134.

I Don't Ask For Much

Just a tall (6'$), hunky, hung, handsome but rugged looking man who's naturally masculine, active, sensuous, spiritual, wholesome, wise, educated and financially secure with a quiet home and sporty car; one who understands a young man's needs to achieve his own goals and have his own space. If this is you, I hope you're looking for me: a 5'11', 155 lb. Michigan bred 25 y.o. with medium length wavy brown hair, big green eyes, long lashes, straight white teeth, dimples, clean shaven face, smooth fair skin, erect nipples, a round, hairless butt and muscular legs. I'm independent with a full-time permanent job; I have excellent credit, and I study at SFSU. I enjoy writing, reading, motorcycling, bicycling, and walks on the beach. I'm intelligent, charming, loving, healthy, athletic looking and a prime catch for the right man. Send detailed letter and photo (a must) to: Boxholder, POB 170082, SF 94117-0082.

Sexual Exploration Desired

After long period with little sex and no love, I'm eager to overcome my sexual timidity and re-experience physical and/or emotional connection. Curious to explore erotic bondage (stimulation, not pain), body worship or massage (of muscular men) or ongoing sexual friendship. I'm 31, medium height, moderately slender, brown eyes, hair, beard, handsome, smooth sensitive skin, aesthetic cock, HIV-negative, easy-going, many cultural, spiritual, political interests. Prefer dark-haired, dark-complected Caucasians or Latins with muscles, body hair, humor and heart. Photo please. Reply CU! Box AP135.

Seeking Young Lover

WM, 40, friendly, sense of humor, but very passive, i.e. low emotional/sexual/physical energy. I need to be alone most of the time. I'm seeking a similar guy for occasional very safe sex and friendship. Ideally, you're very young (18-30), skinny and smooth. Please send photo (a must, I'll return). Reply Boxholder, POB 22201, SF 94122.

Lonely Sometimes

GWM, 48, 5'9", 165 lbs., seeking special person for friendship/relationship. I am financially secure, sensitive warm and affectionate, loyal and versatile. Enjoy outdoors, travel, music, theatre, dining out & entertaining friends. Would be great to meet someone of similar interests who is preferably a top to share these times. Photo appreciated & returned. Reply CU! Box AP136.

Leather Master

Now accepting applications for the position of submissive. Experience not as important as attitude. OJ training available. Position is permanent and long-term. No one-nighters, no heavy s/m, no drugs. I am a midwestern, HIV neg, professional, goodlooking, well-built GWM who wears leather well. Am a strong, creative Leo Master, outdoorsman, camper, skier, traveller, lover of music, animals and people. If leather fascinates you and you are GWM 20-30s, HIV neg, please submit resume and photo describing yourself, reasons for desiring this position, and how you hope to please. Reply Boxholder, POB 1616, Guerneville 95446.

Plain and Simple

The ad that is, not me. I'm a handsome, 28 yr., professional, GWM who's 5'7", dark brown hair, good physique. I'm intelligent, emotionally mature and open, affectionate, sensual, fun, romantic, socially and politically progressive. I have a gentle, compromising personality and a great sense of humor. Oh, yes. I'm modest! I'm seeking a handsome man who's 25-35. Black, Latino or dark-featured white men preferred. If you're secure, politically liberal/progressive, have good communication & emotional skills, and are fairly out of the closet, please reply (photo optional). Reply CU! Box AP137.

Ex Call Boy

Not so fast fading ex-NYC call boy, mostly repeat business, by now hopelessly addicted to orally servicing guys attractive by one criterion or another. Uncut a plus but all admired. No shower necessary in last 24 hours; perhaps 48. Good cook. Smashing pad, fireplace, Alcatraz bay view, deck, loving cat, Phi Beta Kappa. Your photo (Xerox o.k.) gets mine plus brief bio. Reply Boxholder, #108, 2040 Polk St., SF 94109.

Athletic Physician Seeks Mate

Handsome, well-built, successful, GWM physician (40 y.o., 5'10" 165 lbs.) HIV neg., clean-shaven, fun-loving, seeks muscular, athletic, dominant man, 20's or 30's, preferably taller than myself and a non-smoker for a monogamous relationship which is physically and emotionally intense and satisfying. Please send photo and letter. Reply CU! Box AP138.

Kinky J/O Radical Safe Sex

Interests: Tits, bound cock and balls, clamps, whipping, bondage, clothespins, hot wax, torn clothing, spanking, erotic costumes, non-sexist, non-looksist. Hot men into erotic intensity and ecstasy — pre 1970's SF openness with post 1980's awareness — pig/slut mentality with safe sex consciousness. Seek friends for get together and parties. No stars or god's gifts to the world please. Real people only. Reply Boxholder, POB 4622, SF 94101.

Short Feisty Men

Attractive, GWM, 33, looking for short GWM, to share good times and hopefully a long-term relationship. I enjoy movies, walks, travel, concerts, dancing and starry nites in Yosemite. ME: 6', 186 lbs., blnd/brn, moustache, non-smoker, a bit shy. YOU: between 5'3" - 5'9", 23-36, attr., top, masculine but also sensitive and caring. Red hair a plus. Lots of love for right guy. Reply CU! Box AP139.

Anybody Out There?

I'm a healthy gay white male, 33 years old, 6',220 lbs., with brown hair, hazel eyes, beard, lead an active life. Enjoy sports, outdoors, theatre, cooking, working out, and work. Looking for other gay white males that are 25-35, my size or smaller, body hair a plus. Prefer non-smoker. If interested in striking up a new friendship with relationship possible, then send photo, if possible. Reply CU! Box AP140.

A Monogamous Relationship

What do you say to skipping all the preliminaries and getting married — just kidding! I am attracted to Latin, Italian, and Mediterranean men who prefer being top. Open enough to share, being independent and eventually a committed relationship. I am a goodlooking young, 34, 5'9", trim, smooth, fair, blond, blue eyes, healthy, caring and honest. I have a good sense of humor, enjoy movies, TV, dancing, socializing, cooking, travel and the simple pleasures. Photo appreciated / not necessary. Reply CU! Box AP141.

Safe Asian 2 on 1

Beautiful, dark, smooth-skinned Hawaiian/Asian and his attractive, white, hairy lover seeking a hot topman for safe (Condoms!) play. We're young, masculine, non-smokers, drinkers, drugs. Looking for handsome "top" who appreciates dark, smooth beauties. Pluses: moustaches, 24-42, hung, dark blondes, no vices, full head of hair, hairy chests. You've fantasized about it, now live it!! Send descriptive letter/photo (returned) to: Boxholder, POB 196, Berkeley, 94701.

Bike Riding Buddy

I have come to the conclusion that my favorite activity is no longer sucking dick, it's riding my bicycle. If you like riding bike as much as you like sucking dick, let's get together and go for rides — bike rides... and then see what happens. I'm 24, good looking and horny. You are 25-40, buffed and healthy. If not, reply anyway. You can send a picture to show me how nice you are. Reply CU! Box AP142.

Shy but Trying

People generally don't believe that I'm gay because I don't live a "typical" gay lifestyle. I'm seeking someone with whom I can share my life, someone to grow with and someone who will challenge and encourage me. We both should share in the joy of playing with children and feel equally comfortable in the business world. Let's expand both our horizons through laughter, commoh goals, simple everyday things, and through love and respect for each other. I'm a GWM, 30, 5'7", 150 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes, healthy and handsome(?). I enjoy sports, camping, music, the Arts, and more. I'm not looking for a carbon copy of myself, but rather for someone who is comfortable with being himself. Let's take a chance to see if we're looking for each other. Reply CU! Box AP143.

Asian Male Friendship Wanted

Prof. GM, 35, seeks Asian male, any age, for dynamic friendship. I am attractive, honest, considerate and caring, in excellent health (swimmer's build, HIV neg.), outgoing, reliable, understanding, patient, into spontaneous fun, serious intimacy, have a good sense of humor and outlook on life. Interests include swimming, long walks, movies, quiet times, travelling and being adventurous. Am looking for someone who is mature, expressive, an achiever, values honesty and intellectual openness, can appreciate true friendship, and is not into bar scene, social or personal games, smoking and/or substance abuse. If you have similar interests and values, please respond with photo (will return) and phone number. Reply CU! Box AP144.

Positive-Oriented PWA

34, 5'6", loving, healthy. I still believe that life can be fulfilling (especially with the right person). Would like to give & receive mutual intimacy, nurturing, fun & lots of cuddling. Interests include movies, theatre, local travel, walks in the park & just spending quiet evenings at home with a friend. Friendship leading to possible relationship. Reply CU! Box AP145.

Slice of a Life

Do you like . . . travel near or far, anytime possible, anywhere affordable, especially to someplace you've never been before ? clean-cut men who hope Jodie Foster will inspire another man? roller coasters? hiking and Mt. Tam? jazz more than any music? blue eyes on thirty-something men? the occasional vice? cooking dinner for friends? physical affection as much as coming? Do you pursue and work hard to achieve your fantasies, at least now and then? prefer cross-country to downhill, for almost ideological reasons? exercise regularly? spend much time with your friends, who tend to be stimulating rather than blandly "mellow"? appreciate ambition but loathe Social Darwinism? enjoy dancing and being around crowds sometimes? Well... we may have something in common. I also like bicycling and beards and biceps and body hair, but all are optional. Please respond with a descriptive letter. Photo appreciated. Reply CU! Box AP146.

Tall, Dark, Handsome

Athletic (6'1", 185), attractive (Italian, dark hair/eyes, moustache), 39 y.o., HIV neg., GWM physician with a wide range of interests wants to meet a masculine, in-shape, dominant guy (30s, 5'11' or taller). I'm affectionate, communicative (with a good sense of humor), and would like a monogamous relationship with someone who's loving and self-supporting. Please reply with a photo to CU! AP147.

Adorable and Very Loving

GWM, 5'7", 100 lbs., brn/brn, a slim and very boyish 28 years old. I have a sense of humor and am a lot of fun to be with. Cooking, dancing, park walks, and quiet times with someone special are particular favorites. I'm a smoker and light drinker. I'm partial to blondes & brunettes, and men with defined bodies & hairy chests. If you are seeking a monogamous relationship, which might develop into something more, please respond; one-night stands and sex flings need not apply. Please send photo and letter. Reply CU! Box AP148.

A RED Bear

42, 5'8", 155 lbs., heavy moustache, hairy body, I love to work out, bicycle, canoe. A Cancer. Quiet evenings at home listening to classical music or jazz with one special guy is what I want. HTLVIII $. No alcohol, drugs or cigarettes. You are 30-50 similar size and interests. Tend to be bottom/or orally inclined. Uncut maybe. Come play with me. Reply CU! Box AP149.

For Men Only

Trade Queen, 48, WM desires men between 18-50 who are very well endowed and interested only in receiving sensual, emotional, sensitive cocksucking and who also enjoy to verbally humiliate & engage in water sports on occasion. Absolutely non-violent. Military & married men welcome. No drugs or alcohol. Reply CU! Box

AP150.

Just for Fun

Pleasantly attractive and masculine (let's exchange photos) WM, 5'8", hairy, HIV neg., looking for same, healthy and likeable men for hot/safe fun between the sheets. You will not be disappointed. Discreet. Reply: Resident, 2261 Market St., Suite 410, SF 94114.

Brawny Buddy

Meet a brawny beefy WM, 40, 5'11", 230 lbs., dark hair, clean shaven, cleancut appearance looking like an Irish construction worker complete with beer gut and blue collar. Enjoy basic fun like camping, hiking, beach, touch football, wrestling, beer drinking, pizza or just plain horsing around? Want a buddy that's basic, friendly, happy, supportive and a tease. Then write Boxholder, POB 11582, SF 94101-7582.

North Bay Area

Sensitive, warm, 32 y.o. health professional, GWM, 5'8", 150 lbs., seeks a loving, fulfilling relationship with an intelligent, attractive professional, age 25-35. Qualities I'm attracted to are sincerity, empathy, playfulness and sense of humor. I'm drawn to those who are reflective about themselves and the world around. I dislike superficialness, self-centeredness and smoking. I enjoy music (classical, rock, jazz), Asian culture, movies, dining out, meaningful conversation, and quiet evenings at home. I'm healthy (HIV neg.) but only mildly athletic. If we have similar interests/values, please write with phone and photo. Reply CU! Box AP151.

A Quality Relationship

I'm seeking a relationship-oriented GWM who is age 25-45, a busy professional or student with a good heart and an open mind. I appreciate intelligence and maturity as well as a good sense of humor and a joyful sense of sensuality and (safe) sexuality (HIV neg.). I keep relatively fit, Nautilus & swim. 41 y.o., 5'11", brn/brn, 165 lbs. Though hirsute, I most enjoy men who are smoother skinned & my height or shorter. Some activities I'd like to share are long walks, good movies, hikes, camping, X-country skiing & travel. It's also important to me that you know who you are & where you are going. Reply with photo and SASE to Boxholder, POB 21046, Oakland 94620.

Intelligence, Style & Spirit

Sought in literate, masculine men. I'm "accomplished" in my work, "established" in my economics, but the "underdeveloped" nature of my social life would be helped by meeting more equals. I've broad interests, a sense of social responsibility, enjoy challenges, am respectful of others' feelings, candid in my opinions, and not as boring or self-centered as all of this sounds. 37 (don't look it), slim (not skinny), and moderately attractive. Reread the first 3 words of this ad. If they fit, if you're over 32, and if you strive for excellence in at least one thing you believe in, consider dropping a note. Reply CU! Box AP152.

Professional GWM, 6'1", 180 lbs., attractive, Jewish, 48 y.o. Interested in classical music, community service, religious values, fitness, tennis, windsurfing. Open to new interest and ideas. Seeking compatible HIV-neg. individual for friendship and/or committed relationship. Reply CU! Box AP153.

There comes a time in a man's life when he realizes that having a job that he loves is not quite enough. I love what I do and am quite successful at it, but when the day is done, coming home to my dogs just doesn't quite cut it. I'm looking for someone to share my life with. I'm 36, and old enough to know that it takes time to build a relationship worth building, but you have to start somewhere! What I am looking for is a GWM between 30 & 50 who is happy with himself and his life. It would be nice if you are husky and bearded, sensitive and masculine. Most people mistake me for being straight, which at times makes it difficult for me to meet someone who I might be interested in. I am 5'10", 190 lbs., live 15 minutes out of the city, and have dark hair. Sex is not the highest priority in my life at this time, being close to someone is. If what I have written sounds at all interesting, why not reply with a photograph. I promise to respond. Reply CU! Box AP154.

Seeking Regular Guy

GWM, 37, lt. brn hair / blue eyes, 150 lbs. Attractive, nicely built, non-smoker, no drugs. I'm quiet but with a good sense of humor, well educated and well travelled. You're 28-40, intelligent, gym-toned body, nice skin, masculine — just a regular guy who's not into bar scene. Interests include music, movies, travel, gym. Seeking friendship or whatever develops. Reply with photo to Boxholder #259, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114.

Well....

Why am I placing this ad? Probably for the same reason you're reading it. I have a number of good friends, but finding the right romantic partner is not easy, especially if you'd care to avoid that circular nonsense. I'm 23, compassionate, intelligent, funny, athletic and cute. Outgoing yet introspective, with a good heart. I enjoy music, the beach, friends, reading, conversation and sports. If you're 20-30 and would like to meet Reply CU! Box AP155.

I Have a Lot of Friends but

Am looking for a one-to-one relationship. I'm 42 and have been going to movies for 40 years. The last book I read was the Bonfire of the Vanities. I read Stephen King & Charles Dickens but not Sidney Sheldon. I'm blond, blue eyed, recently clean shaven, good looking, healthy, nice body, good mind, professional, warm, witty and tired of masturbating alone. If you're interested and over 35 and some of the above, drop me a letter with a photo (returned). Reply CU! Box AP156.

SF Leatherbuddy

Prof. GWM, 37, tall/thin, pierced, non-smoker, HIV neg., serious, considerate; wants to explore safe/sane but prolonged imaginative/intense/intimate leathersex that develops with one regular buddy/relationship. Primarily dominant but versatile. Seeks mutual growth — not just heavy role-play/SM. Novices welcomed. Jaded? Selfish? Into quickies? Don't waste my time. But if this ad makes sense, Reply CU! Box AP157.

Eclectic

I like: Bugs Bunny, Brahms, Fellini, Late night pizza, swimming, dogs, Nietzsche, cooking, Dave Brubeck, Pee Wee Herman, dancing, frisbee, trees, talking, naps and . . . . Attractive GWM, 22, graduate student, 5'8", 145 brn/bl, who doesn't take life (or himself) too seriously, seeks fun, equally eclectic and interesting man 22-30 for friendship/relationship (race not important, but sense of humor a must). Reply Now!! (with letter — photo nice but not necessary). The first five men to respond also get the incredible bamboo steamer!!! Reply CU! Box AP158.

Intimate Friendship

BGM, 31, 6'1", 180, goodlooking, seeking a special relationship with a goodlooking guy any race between 25-35 yrs. old. I'm a non-smoker, light drinker, and do no drugs. Sexually, I'm mostly a top but enjoy reversing roles occasionally. I'm looking for intellectual and sexual stimulation. Reply with short letter (photo optional) if interested. Reply CU! Box AP159.

Monogamous One-to-One Man

I am GWM, 43, 6', 175 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Goodlooking, college educated, possess wide variety of interests. Seeks GWM 25-50 for an eventual committed relationship based first on love. Settle down and live together. Oral active/passive sex only. You should know what you want and be able to develop a loving relationship. Serious responses only, please. Boxholder, 41 Sutter St., Suite 1244, SF 94104.

Love to Love You Baby

I know you are looking for me and I'm looking for you too! YOU: 25-35 (flexible) collegiate appearance, moustache O.K., weight proportionate to height, emotionally honest, positive attitude, goal oriented, ready to have fun and get the most out of life. ME: GWM, dark, handsome, masculine, athletic, good body, successful, kind positive nature, educated, articulate and romantic, collegiate good looks, clean shaven, gymnast build, sensuous, sexual, primarily dominant but versatile, HIV neg., 37 y.o., 5' 6", 130 lbs. Open to friendship/affair/relationship/3 Ways and having good times. All pictures returned. Reply CU! Box AP160.

PWA New to SF

28 year old, GWM, seeking fun-loving, attractive man, (accepting of AIDS) for an intimate, loving relationship. I am blond, 5'10½", 145 lbs., tan & very attractive. I love traveling, the sun, & the outdoors. Interests include: painting, design, metaphysics, bicycling, skiing, and cuddling up to a strong, sexy, masculine man. Prefer someone somewhat older than myself. Letter & recent photo. Reply CU! Box AP161.

Big Bears Wanted

Sincere WM, 42, 5'11", 200 lbs., goodlooking, healthy, bearded, masculine, Italian, funloving and affectionate, into music, videos, cooking and cuddling. Looking to meet similar, larger bear for fun, romance, and sharing an interest in a relationship. I'm not into bars or clones. Send photo if possible with letter and phone. Reply Boxholder, 808 Post St. #716, SF 94109.

Blacks Preferred

I'm rich with so much of what life has to offer, and I would like a special person to share it with. My 6 ft. 175 lb. Aussie maleness declares that you could be my perfect soulmate. ME: I'm financially secure, mature, career-oriented with the freedom to travel and take you with me. YOU: a student or military guy with a keen mind, positive energy and the ability to actualize goals. Let's get together for a date... I'll even bring the flowers. Reply CU! Box AP162.

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BISEXUAL

Kinky Playmate Wanted

Warm, caring bisexual man in his late thirties looking for a submissive woman to dominate sexually but not socially. I like kinky play in bed, i.e., bondage, light S&M, long, slow sensuous eroticism. If you sometimes feel in the mood to dominate, I can also be submissive. I am quite versatile and like to experiment sexually. Safe sex only. Honest expression of feelings and building of mutual trust are essential ingredients to our friendship. I am physically fit, 6', 170 lbs., attractive, even handsome. Am told I look like Gerald McRaney of TV's Simon & Simon. I am financially secure, love my dog and like to travel. I am generous to a fault. I am liberal politically, but I let other people do the marching. I'm an incurable romantic and love to love. I'm extremely horny all the time and like to cuddle all night and play again in the morning. I don't use drugs and cannot tolerate smokers. I am a long time meditator and have a very spiritual outlook on life. You should be open minded, health-conscious and athletic. I am friendly and happy but also a very private person. You must be willing to give of your time to get to know us better. Reply Boxholder, 1800 Market St., #107, SF 94102.

Let's Work Out

Help! I've been neglecting my body. I'm not looking for love or even to be liked. I just need someone (M/F) to seriously commit themselves to dancing, jogging or swimming with me once a week for the benefit of some fun & exercise. I'm male, 32, whose interests include writing, learning Spanish and playing guitar. Reply Boxholder, POB 421557, SF 94142-1557.

Fun and Frivolous

Plan for that "rainy night" with a man who likes your sensitivity & revels in your passion. Cute, warm, ultra-safe BM seeks one - or two (menage a trois?) Bi or Lesbian women. We've seen each other in many rooms, telepathically conveying "what if's . . ." Whatever your discrete, hedonistic pleasure, so be it. I'm not thinking long term, but . . . Please, no I.V. drug users. Reply Boxholder, Box 103, 2215-R Market St., SF 94114.

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SOCIALGROUPS

Yogananda, Kriyananda, Babaji

Male, 35, disciple of Yogananda and Babaji, desires to meet others for networking, possible formation of a meditation group and/or friendship. Reply CU! Box AP300.

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For gays and lesbians who enjoy cooking. Regular dinners on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Vegetarian dinners the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All hosted in SF in an intimate, relaxed, smoke-free setting. Lots of great people and wonderful food! For more information send name, address and phone number to Epicures Unlimited, Box 14051-C, SF, 94114.

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IN PLACING AN AD you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. If you do not have a PO Box, just check "Reply Coming Up! Box" on the form below, and decide whether you wish to pick up the mail or have it sent to you.

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You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

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ComQuest offers a different, interesting way for gay men to meet compatible friends. Instead of meeting guys of unknown interests and lifestyles face to face at first, possibly in a noisy, dark, smoky bar – or not meeting any guys at all – you will meet guys by phone or by mail who already match many of your preferences (and you theirs) for age, race, personality, lifestyle, physical attributes, interests, safe sex, and local residence. You will have a chance to learn a great deal about each other before committing to a meeting face-to-face. You can even exchange photos.

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We welcome and can make satisfactory matches for men having a wide variety of tastes and lifestyles. Most of our members are clean living, health conscious, responsible, successful men who are open to some kind of a long term relationship.

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- A complete and detailed questionnaire (128 descriptive items).
- Complete confidentiality (we don't sell mailing lists)
- The ability to prevent, or "veto," matches having undesired traits.
- The ability to rank the importance of each group of traits in computing your matches.
- Matches only with those living in your local (or preferred) area.
- A **large** selection of gay men from each region.
- Affordable cost (fees range from $20 to $30).
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Here's a great idea for travelers!

Make friends at your destination before you leave. We now cover the following major cities: Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. If you would like to meet compatible guys from your destination, call us and ask for the appropriate application. Our number is 312/991-0690. Please specify your city of interest.

How Does It Work?

Take a look at the questionnaire and you will see just how specific you can get as to the types of men you can meet and the types of relationships you can specify.

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This is the best part. For only **$20** or **$30** you get the contact information for the **10** or **20** people who are your best matches from our current pool of members in your area. And you get a six-month membership, during which other new and current members may be matched to you and receive your contact information on their lists (if you choose to be "listed," that is). You will know of these matches **only** when they contact you.

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 1. Enter your mailing address.

Step 2. Enter your contact information.

Step 3. Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one if appropriate. Forms with incomplete self descriptions cannot be processed and will be returned.

Step 4. Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto**, **no**, **ok**, or **yes** beside each and every item (including those by which you circle **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle exactly one of these responses per item, as follows:

Circle **yes** if you would like for that description to be true for your match. This is a vote for a trait – not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you don't care one way or the other. This is an abstention – no vote either way. Lines left blank count as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you would not like for that description to be true for your match. This is a vote against – not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want no matches with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a disqualification, and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 vetos to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: You are guaranteed the number of matches you order (10 or 20) minus the number of vetoes you circle over 20. For example if you circle 23 vetoes, you are guaranteed a minimum of 7 or 17 matches (depending on whether you paid for 10 or 20 matches, respectively). You will receive one dollar of refundable credit per match less then the guaranteed number.

Step 5. Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on less important items will not override your responses on the more important items, you must indicate which items are important to you. There are two ways, using the blank to the left of each category heading. **Either . . .**

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or . . .**

Put a check mark in the blank beside the five most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. **No**es and **yes**es have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, **veto**es work the same regardless of category rank.

Example: Here is an example of how a hairy man with a mustache looking for a smooth partner with a mustache should mark the form if he regarded "Facial/Body Hair" as his third most important category.

3 **Facial/Body Hair**

me	veto	no	(ok)	yes	Smooth (rarely shave)
me	veto	no	(ok)	yes	Clean shaven
(me)	veto	no	ok	(yes)	Mustache only
me	veto	(no)	ok	yes	Full Beard
me	veto	no	ok	(yes)	Smooth (no body hair)
me	veto	no	(ok)	yes	Hairy legs (smooth chest)
me	veto	(no)	ok	yes	Hairy chest (smooth back)
(me)	(veto)	no	ok	yes	Very Hairy (teddy bear)

What's the Final Step?

When you have completed all five steps of the application, mail it with a check or money order for $20 or $30 (for 10 or 20 matches, respectively) to the address at the bottom of the form. Please allow 14 days to receive your order.

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ComQuest Application for Northern California

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Step 1 — Please **print** your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential.

Name _____

Addr _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ (optional)

I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its owners liable for the behavior of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Your signature and date are **required**.)

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 2 — Please **print** the "contact information" below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This **must** include at least your first name and either a mailing address or phone number. You are limited to 125 letters, spaces, and punctuations. You may use any remaining space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. **If you do not wish for others to contact you, cross out this section.**

Steps 3, 4, and 5 (See instructions to the left of this application)

____ Residence

As with the rest of this form, circle **veto** by the residential areas from which you **do not** want to receive matches

me	veto	no	ok	yes	San Francisco
me	veto	no	ok	yes	East Bay (Oakland)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Peninsula (Palo Alto)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	San Jose/408 call area
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Marin County
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Sacramento/916 call area
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Stockton/Fresno 209 area
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Russian River/707 call area

____ Type of Relationship

Circle one **me** by your preferred relationship

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Lover (exclusive)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Lover (nonexclusive)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Romantic fling
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Sex buddy
me	veto	no	ok	yes	One night stand
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Phone sex
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Penpal/occasional visits
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Friendship (platonic)

____ Entertainment/Social Activities

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Fine arts events
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Quiet evenings at home
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Rock concerts
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Spectator sports events
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Going to the movies
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Dining out
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Parties
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Dancing

____ Hobbies/Interests/Sports

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Computers/electronics
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Photography/arts/crafts
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Aerobics/body building
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Volleyball/softball/etc.
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Tennis/racquetball/etc.
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Cycling/skiing/swimming
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Camping/hiking/climbing
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Cooking

____ Income/Education Completed

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Less than $10,000
me	veto	no	ok	yes	$10,000-$20,000
me	veto	no	ok	yes	$20,000-$40,000
me	veto	no	ok	yes	More than $40,000
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Some high school
me	veto	no	ok	yes	High school graduate
me	veto	no	ok	yes	HS grad + some college
me	veto	no	ok	yes	College graduate

____ Miscellaneous/Contact Info

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Have **no** privacy at home
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Have **no** transportation
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Bisexual
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Handicapped

Contact information (Step 2) includes

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Both phone & address
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Address but no phone
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Phone but no address
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Sexually explicit wording

____ Religious/Political Beliefs

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Catholic
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Protestant
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Jewish
me	veto	no	ok	yes	New Age/Spiritual
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Very religious
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Agnostic/atheist
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Conservative
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Liberal

____ Vices

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Non smoker
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Light smoker
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Heavy smoker
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Non or light drinker
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Moderate drinker
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Non drug user
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Occasional user
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Frequent user

____ Personality

Circle no more than four **me**'s.

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Independent/confident
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Easy-going/laid back
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Good sense of humor
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Shy/reserved/quiet
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Responsible/mature
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Youthful/carefree
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Cool/level headed
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Warm/affectionate

____ Masculinity/Social Attire

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Very masculine
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Fairly masculine
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Somewhat feminine
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Very feminine
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Western
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Jeans/casual
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Preppy/semiformal
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Leather

____ Age Range

You **must** indicate your age.

me	veto	no	ok	yes	18 to 20
me	veto	no	ok	yes	21 to 24
me	veto	no	ok	yes	25 to 29
me	veto	no	ok	yes	30 to 34
me	veto	no	ok	yes	35 to 39
me	veto	no	ok	yes	40 to 49
me	veto	no	ok	yes	50 to 59
me	veto	no	ok	yes	60 or over

____ Height/Weight

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Shorter than 5' 6"
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Between 5' 6" and 5' 9"
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Between 5' 9" and 6 feet
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Taller than 6 feet
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Less than 30" waist
me	veto	no	ok	yes	30" to 33" waist
me	veto	no	ok	yes	34" to 36" waist
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Over 36" waist

____ Race/Nationality/Hair Color

You **must** indicate your race.

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Black
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Asian/Oriental
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Latino/Hispanic
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Caucasian (white)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Black/brown/auburn hair
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Blond or reddish hair
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Graying or white hair
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Balding

____ Facial/Body Hair

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Smooth (rarely shave)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Clean shaven
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Mustache only
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Full beard
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Smooth (little body hair)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Hairy legs (smooth chest)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Hairy chest (smooth back)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Very hairy (teddy bear)

____ Body Build/Genital Attributes

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Muscular/stocky
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Swimmer's build
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Average build
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Delicate/thin boned
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Small to average size
me	veto	no	ok	yes	"Well endowed"
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Circumcised (cut)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Non-circumcised

____ Favorite Bedtime Activities

Circle no more three **me**'s.

Circle no more than two **me**s.

me	veto	no	ok	yes	Cuddling/caressing
me	veto	no	ok	yes	J/O (manual stimulation)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	French active (gives BJ)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	French passive (gets BJ)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Greek active (anal top)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Greek passive (bottom)
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Experimental/kinky
me	veto	no	ok	yes	Safe sex only*

*If you insist on "playing safe" and prefer to use condoms if engaging in Greek activities, circle **me** and **yes** for this item. Circle **veto** if unwilling to "play safe." Circle **no**, **ok**, or **yes** (but not **me**) if willing to go either way.

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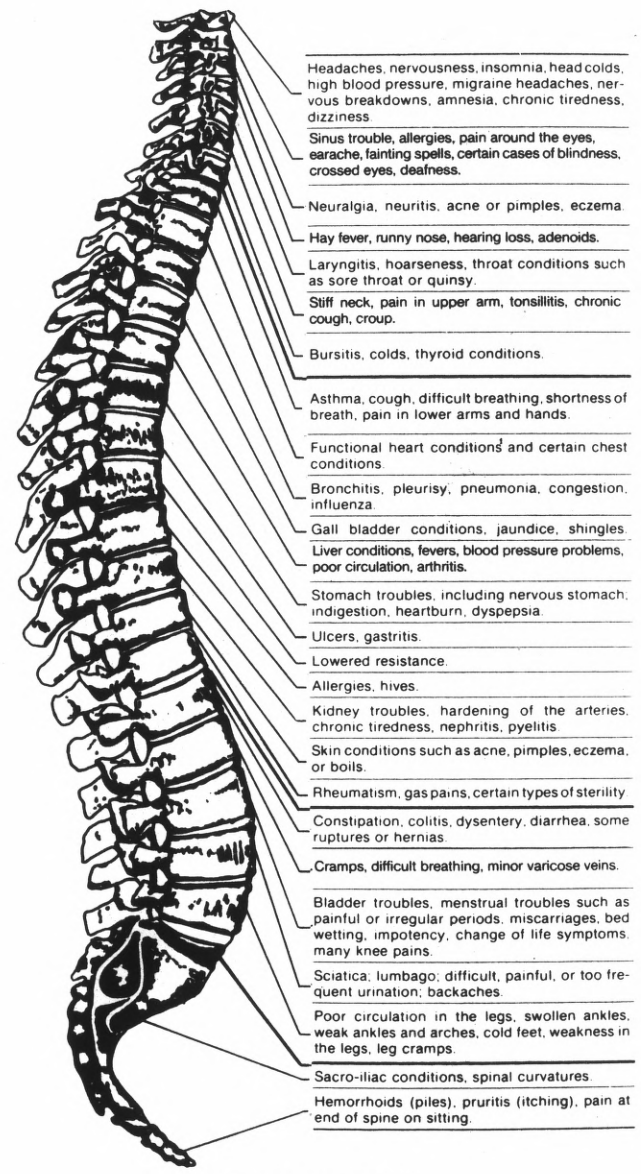


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